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THE HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS 1952 -

January 10, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held January 10th, 1952 in the Meeting House following a meeting for worship.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections and additions.

The Treasurer made a preliminary Janurary report which was approved by the Meeting. The formal annual report will be ready for the February business meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel made the following annual report:

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has held regular monthly meetings, except during the summer months, and has endeavored to carry out its duties as defined in the Discipline. Two open meetings were also held. The first, a supper meeting on April 19th was devoted to the discussion of Membership in the Meeting and the basis, conditions and procedure of becoming a member. The second, a supper meeting held on November 1st, to discuss visitation. Both were well attended and profitable.

Many of the concerns of this Committee such as the spiritual life of the Meeting belong to the Meeting as a whole and the function of the Committee would seem to be the initiation of wider discussion and concern by the Meeting as a whole. Where the work of the Committee needs strengthening is in the visitation of members and attenders, and in the care of our members when they have need of especial attention.

For the Committee

Alexander C. Purdy
Chairman

In addition to the annual report the committee read a letter of "dismission" from the Madison Ave. (New York City) Presbyterian Church for Ruth N. Steenburg Wojan. At her request the committee recommended she be accepted as a member of the meeting. The Meeting heartily approved and appointed Marjanne and Robert Walker to visit her and welcome her in the Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also read letters from the parents of Kermit Allen Simons, born June 1, 1951 and Scott Robert Ritter, born July 24, 1951 asking that these children be enrolled as associate members to be considered retroactive to the dates of their births. The Committee recommended and the Meeting approved of granting the parents' requests.

The Committee read a letter from Henry P. Cleaver asking for a transfer of membership from the Hartford Monthly Meeting to the Oread Meeting held at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas. The Meeting was united in granting this request and commended him to the new meeting. The Clerk was asked to write the Oread Meeting commending Henry Cleaver to their Christian care.

The Finance Committee made the following annual report:

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of your Finance Committee during the year 1951. The response to our request for money to cover both the General Fund and the Building Fund has been most encouraging. However, most of this money was not received until the latter part of the year. I would like to make two suggestions for the Meeting to consider for the year 1952.

1. Since our Treasurer must pay expenses each month for maintenance and other items which present themselves monthly, I suggest that ways be found for obtaining this money either monthly or on a quarterly basis. While I do not favor asking our membership to make promises or pledges, I believe it would be in keeping with our method of handling such things to adopt a minute expressing the Meetings's desire that our membership contribute on a monthly or quarterly basis. If such a minute is adopted, your Finance Committee will be more than glad to contact our membership and see what can be done towards collecting such money as best suits the individual member.

2. At the present time, we have two budgets: one a general budget, which covers everything except the Building Fund, and, two, The Building Fund in a budget by itself. I suggest that we separate from the General Fund all committee expenses, and set this up as a separate budget. The first two budgets, namely, the General Fund, less Committee expenses, and the Building Fund could be presented to our Meeting for approval in January of each year, as these expenses can very easily be forecast. The third budget, which would include all the expenses which would be necessary to operate all our committees, I believe should be drawn up by the Chairman of each committee during the month of January. The request for such money should be presented by the Chairman of each committee at the February Meeting - at which time each committee Chairman could outline the program he expects to carry out during the year and the expense involved. In this way, the Meeting as a whole would get a very clear picture of what each committee planned to do, and what they felt their expenses would be. This could be approved in the February Meeting, and the Treasurer could budget this for the balance of the year.

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this evening. However, I want to express my thanks to the Treasurer and the members of the Finance Committee who have been so loyal and have contributed in making it possible for us to meet our budget for the year 1951.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Cleaver

The Meeting approved the report and the proposal to encourage giving on a monthly or quarterly basis and agreed in principle to the three way budget system.

The Recorder made the following annual report:

Statistics for Hartford Monthly Meeting for 1951

1. Number of Members last year	99
3. Additions by Birth	3
4. Additions by Request	11
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Mtg	2
7. Total Additions	16
12. Loss by Discontinuance	2
15. Total Loss	2
16. Number of Members this year	113
17. Net gain	14
19. Number of males	54
20. Number of females	59
21. Number under 21 years of age	40
22. Number of Associate Members	39
23. Number of Resident Members	89
24. Number of Non-Resident Members	24

Alice E. Jorgensen, Recorder

The Hospitality Committee reported:

About this time last year, I suddenly found myself Chairman of the Hospitality Committee. After I recovered from the shock and organized the general plans, I began to really enjoy this work to my amazement.

During the year the Hospitality Committee and other Friends have planned, prepared and served approximately twenty informal dinners, as well as assisting with the Sunday luncheons which follow the Meetings for worship. These meals have been attended by 6 to 100 people and served for the nominal sum of 65¢ for adults and 50¢ for children with the exception of the dinner at the time of Quarterly Meeting which cost ninety five cents. Even at these low prices the committee has been self supporting and purchased staples and paper supplies such as plates, cups and napkins.

The chairman of Hospitality wishes to thank the members of the committee and all others who have helped in any and every way to make these repasts enjoyable and successful.

A friend joined me in the kitchen one Sunday while most of our members were visiting together and laughed, "Hannah, I believe you think more of food than you do of people!" What I really feel is that 'Breaking Bread' together is important in drawing people closer together in friendship and understanding.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation to Ellen Paullin and Peggy Morrison for starting and carrying on the Sunday luncheons which have promoted the oneness of our Meeting.

Hannah Y. Cleaver
Hospitality Chairman

The Program Committee reported as follows:

The Program Committee looked inward for its inspiration this past year. In the few cases where we did not draw on our own membership for speakers, we went outside the Hartford area only once--for Milton Mayer, whose talk was co-sponsored by Peace and Service Committee and an outside organization.

Among those who led discussion or made reports were: Ellen Paullin, Rollin Zane, Mabel Bailey, Glenn Roberts, Paul Cleaver and Elizabeth Greene. In the Fall, Dr. Walter H. Clark, Visiting Professor at the Hartford Seminary, spoke on "Teaching Christianity to our Children".

For the Committee
W. W. Clepper, Ch.

January 25- Ellen Paullin and Rollin Zane
"The White House Conference"
Mabel Bailey - "National Church Council Convention"

February 22 - Discussion led by the First Day School Committee

March 22 - Discussion of the Week-Day Nursery School

April - Quarterly Meeting in Hartford

No meetings May, June, July, August or September

October 25 - Paul Cleaver "Business and Quakerism"

December 5 - Prof. Walter Clark "Teaching Christianity"

The Adult Education Committee made the following annual report:

The Adult Education Committee in 1951 made itself responsible for the Ten O'Clock Discussion Group in the Meeting House Library, using the First Study Booklet, of the Vocation of Friends in the Modern World. Discussions were held regularly from January to June, the average attendance being around ten or twelve, and the span of variation from five to fifteen.

In October Dr. Francis Helfrick, Virginia Hicks, and Sally Morrison joined the Committee, and with the counsel of Alexander Purdy and Moses Bailey, the decision was made to follow the Second Study Booklet of the Vocation of Friends in the Modern World, in preparation for the Friends' World Conference in 1952. Six different leaders have aided in discussion of the first nine chapters. This shared leadership, it is hoped, will be continued into the new year. A new chart is prepared for those who care to sign up for the subjects still remaining.

The Committee has accepted the responsibility for a series of classes on the historical background for the Quaker way of life, to be held in the Meeting House between March 1st and April 13th, which is Easter. A January meeting of the Committee to determine further the time, the day, and the content of such a course awaits the call of the chairman, and the convenience of the new Committee members for 1952.

The First Day School Committee reported:

The Committee on the Religious Education of Children has been holding meetings the third Thursday of each month except on two occasions when weather conditions prevented. Teachers and assistant or substitute teachers, as well as interested Friends, are invited to these sessions.

We now have substitute teachers for each of the four classes, and several "Pinch hitters" as well. We used up our budget for 1951. Materials for hand work are quite essential, and we have been more economical of it than we should be. There is a need of inexpensive Bibles for class use which we did not buy in the autumn since our budget was exhausted. Perhaps we should consider doing without a paid helper beginning next fall.

We began having worship period at 10:45 last fall. This has become a very happy addition to our program.

Our average attendance of children since October 1, when we began keeping permanent records, has been 21plus. This does not include attendance of teachers.

The Committee has appreciated the interest of Friends in the School, and their presence at our brief worship sessions.

Sincerely,
W. Glenn Roberts
for the Committee

The Library Committee made the two following annual reports:

We have had a good year in interest; many leaflets have gone out; about $10 worth of pamphlets have been sold; book circulation has increased as we have placed more on the shelves. During the year the library has been provided with what seems to be all needed equipment for the present---some that will last many years (Catalogue drawers, e.g.) Next year we wish to think more about the selection and purchase of new books. Duplicates have been ordered of the books written by Rufus Jones--this the gift of Dr. Shaw and other generous friends. The cataloguing goes on--this tedious and technical job is done by Edith Clapp.

The committee would welcome volunteer help on Sundays.

Finally, we find that we have needed all our budget of $80. It has gone for pamphlets, equipment, mending materials and a very few new books.

For the committee,
Margaret Morrison
(Chairman since September)

Last year permanent records for all books were started, so that it is hard to tell just what books were new to us during that period. This report covers the records to date, on the whole collection of titles, with a few figures which are for last year only. From the first, 186 titles have been given to us. Our largest single gift in 1951 was from the Obadiah Brown Fund, which gave us 31 titles from a list approved by the library selection committee. Because of the confusion in the cataloging process the figures which follow are not entirely accurate.

At this date there are 432 titles accessioned, of which 205 are pamphlets, 186 are gifts, 216 are properly (?) classified, 21 completely(?) cataloged, 36 very nearly completely cataloged. There are still many titles, mostly pamphlets, which are not yet officially listed. The circulation of titles during the past year was approximately 200.

With the situation so confused, books here and there being worked upon, we found it impossible to take inventory. We trust our results when we do get them tabulated may not be too shocking. There are overdues of long standing, and there will doubtless be some losses.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith C. Clapp

The committee also stated that it would welcome periodicals and pamphlets from members who would like to share them with others.

The Peace and Service Committee made the following report:

The Peace and Service Committee engaged in the following activities during 1951:

1. During the early part of the year it conducted three meetings on Thursday evenings for discussion of the Friends Peace Testimony. These were attended by from twenty to thirty members and visitors and resulted in an exchange of views and clarification of ideas which many of the participants regarded as valuable.

2. In April and May the Committee circulated among the members of

the meeting a questionnaire concerning views on war and peace which had been prepared by the Peace Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting, with a view to obtaining information concerning the beliefs of Friends in this area.

3. The Committee gave aid to the Seliwonosky family in moving and getting settled in their new home in Worcester, Mass. The expenses involved placed a financial burden on the Committee's funds which prevented it from contributing to some organizations which it has supported in the past.

4. The Committee supported a concern of Middletown Friends that some of their members go to Washington to interview members of Congress concerning universal military training and other matters. The monthly meeting approved this visit in March, and David McAllester reported upon it at Quarterly Meeting in April.

5. The Committee, in conjunction with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, sponsored a meeting at the Meeting House on May 3, at which Milton Mayer was the speaker.

6. As the result of a special contribution for the purpose the committee was able to insert in the Hartford Times for June 20 a quarter page advertisement prepared by the American Friends Service Committee setting forth the basic ideas contained in the report entitled Steps to Peace.

7. In September, Thomas Harvey, on behalf of the committee, attended a meeting on conscription in Springfield, which was sponsored by the New England office of the American Friends Service Committee.

8. The committee has obtained copies of the Newsletter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation dealing with the question of universal military training, and is planning to distribute them to all members of the meeting along with a statement urging them to oppose the adoption of the plan by the present Congress.

9. None of our members got into difficulties with Selective Service during the year. However there were several conscientious objectors in the Hartford area who for conscience sake felt compelled to face arrest and trial. In the most significant of the trials Nicholas Christiano was upheld in his refusal to comply with draft board orders issued after what the judge considered arbitrary and improper procedures. Some members of the meeting gave Nicholas Christiano aid in preparing for his trial and in putting him into touch with the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Philadelphia. As a result the Peace and Service Committee urged individual members of the meeting to contribute to the Central Committee for C.O.'s, and a number did so.

As a result of this experience, the Peace and Service Committee thought it wise to adopt a statement of its policy concerning aid to conscientious objectors, and at a meeting on April 4 approved the following minute:

> "We believe in the peace testimony of the Society of Friends. Our first duty is to protect our own members in their relations with Selective Service. We extend full sympathy to others who take the position of conscientious objectors, but our resources are too small to give them much aid. Instead we should refer such conscientious objectors to the Central Committee on Conscientious Objectors. We should, however, encourage our members to act as individuals on behalf of such conscientious objectors.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore Paullin, Chairman

The Management Committee made the following annual report:

An outline of the operation of our Meeting House for its first full year was submitted at the December Business Meeting and appears in large part in the subsequent Bulletin. What is given here therefore will be a summary of present problems and plans, offered as an invitation for the suggestions and cooperation of members and attenders generally.

Immediately to the fore is the matter of snow removal. This was found to be very expensive last winter and we have asked our agent to shovel only the walks, hoping that parking on Quaker Lane and Maplewood Avenue during the periods of snow will not be found seriously inconvenient.

A thermostat in the Meeting room, it is hoped, will allow more uniform heat there. We plan to ask the Ushers Committee as it will be constituted at the rise of the Annual Meeting to arrange for a period of demonstration of the heating facilities so that all may know how to provide comfortable conditions.

The "tricycle garage", material and labor for which have been contributed by Nursery School fathers, is about to be put into use and will allow more satisfactory storage arrangements for the Meeting, the First Day and the Nursery Schools in the Activities Room closets.

Miss Vera Tracy, West Hartford Librarian, has books on hand which may be placed on our shelves and circulated as we do our own books if Friends are interested and the Library Committee is able to accept increased responsibility. Miss Tracy hopes that the Town's finances in another year may be judged able to operate the neighborhood Branch for parts of two days each week as planned earlier.

The destruction and disorder in the playground which have been disturbing particularly to the Fathers' Equipment Committee of the Nursery School have led to a strong plea by the Chairman of that Committee that the yard be kept locked except when in use by the Nursery School or at times of meetings. A joint Committee of the Nursery School and the Management Committee has a report to submit tonight which, if approved, will restrict the use of those grounds to times when there will be adult responsibility.

The simplifying of the burial plot in the front of our lot which was approved in the fall has lagged because of the failure to dispose of the cast iron fence. We hope the matter may go forward in the spring.

The Management Committee wishes to thank its individual members for special service in supervising the holding of meetings by outside organizations and internal housekeeping details. We appreciate the helpful interest of all our Friends.

The Building Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURERS OF BUILDING COMMITTEE January 10,1952

Receipts

From Meeting		
Building Fund	$2,107.13	
Maintenance Fund	780.75	$2,887.88
From Paul Butterworth		
Proceeds from Annuity		4,284.96
From Sunset Foundation		44,182.24
Total Receipts		$51,355.08

Disbursements through bank account

By checks for	
Building & Maintenance	$51,229.17
Returned to Meeting	125.91
Total Disbursed through bank account	$ 51,355.08

In addition to the above disbursements through the Committees' bank account, some checks from Sunset Foundation were sent to creditors without passing through the Committees' bank account. The bills of these Creditors are included with other bills covered by this report. The amount of these checks was $8,532.24

Added to disbursements through Committee Treasurers of 51,229.17

Make a total expenditure of 59,761.41

Below we have listed the items of maintenance,furniture,etc.which total 6,083.62

Cost of Building and driveway $53,677.79

The oak benches in Meeting Room are the gift of the Taylor Lumber Co. and Paul Butterworth. Their value is conservatively stated as $2,000.00.

The bicycle garage in play yard is gift of Oliver Butterworth.

Maintenance Only

Ins.on Vacant Lot	$6.35
Cut Grass	5.00
Fire Ins.- 3 yrs.) Liab. Ins. - 1 yr.)	433.93
Watchman & Custodian	236.00
Sewer assessed before bldg.	243.10
	$ 924.38
Landscape,Fence,etc.	$1330.45
	66.80
	14.40
	135.00
	237.60
	132.67
Mary Edwards,Landscape Architect	25.00
	$1941.92

Gas,Telephone,Elec. etc.

Gas	$ 24.73
Telephone	15.60
Gas	31.21
	$ 71.54

RECAPITULATION

Maintenance	$ 924.38
Landscape	1941.92
Gas and phone	71.54
Furniture	3145.78
Cost of Bldg. and Driveway	53677.79
Total Spent	$ 59761.41

Furniture for Meeting and School

Taylor Lumber	$120.37
Nursery chairs	253.73
Freight on Tables	9.98
Door Mats	77.69
Taylor Lumber	42.80
Folding Chairs	151.93
Furniture	48.50
Chinaware, etc.	104.56
Knives and forks	57.32
Furniture polish,etc.	4.32
Kitchen Stove	277.20
Plastic Tablecloth	12.42
Chairs	146.45
Curtains	200.13
Truck Tables	7.21
Folding Tables	276.40
Chairs	95.00
Hall Table	60.00
Carpet	376.04
Domes of Silence	48.75
Fireplace Screen	42.50
Cushions - benches	696.00
Kitchen label frames	7.00
Gliders - chairs	6.48
Cabinet and lock	14.00
Rubber stair treads	9.00
	$ 3,145.78

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Harvey
George H. Shaw
Treasurers

In connection with the foregoing financial report made by the Treasurer of the Building Committee, the Auditor reported:

> "I have examined this report, together with the records supporting it, and find all in good order."
>
> George Halford, Auditor

The Meeting dismissed the Building Committee expressing sincere appreciation of a good job done.

The Use Committee of the Management Committee made the following annual report which includes the list of organizations using the Meeting House:

The Use Committee has kept the schedule for all meetings held at the Meeting House for the past year and has been the clearing house for all prospective meetings. With the departure of the Barbers in September this committee has assumed the making out of weekly schedules for the Bulletin Board and for Mr. Coles. It instructs Mr. Coles as to what chairs and tables are to be set up as well as informing him of changes and cancellations.

The Barbers had hardly sailed when we began to realize the extent of their contribution to the well-being of our Meeting House. The multitude of little things that go to make up good housekeeping suddenly loomed annoyingly large. The Use Committee has tried to cope with these details from dish towels to responsibility for orderliness and are working on a plan to keep both peace and order. It would seem that this subcommittee should be considered more as a House Committee which would take care of both Use and Housekeeping.

We would like to point out that there have been several requests by both Friends Groups and local outside groups for supper or luncheon meetings that would accomodate seventy-five to one hundred people. We have dishes for only sixty and chairs and tables for seventy five people. Perhaps ways and means might be found to add to our present facilities so that we could more adequately take care of our Regional Friends Groups and our neighborhood organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Locke   Mabel G. Bailey

Organizations which have used the Meeting House 1951

Quaker Lane Co-operative Nursery School (daily school year)
    Weekly staff Meeting
    Weekly Parent and Staff Conferences (afternoon)
    Parent and Teachers Meetings (four evenings)
    Fathers Work Days (Four Saturdays)
    Xmas Toy and Gift Exhibit and Sale (Friday Eve. and Saturday)

Brownie Packs (Nov. - June)
Hartford Writers Workshop (weekly)
Modern Dance Group (children Nov. - June)
Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority
Oakwood School Alumni
American Friends Service Com. (New England Branch)
Camera Club (monthly)

Conn. Horticultural Society
Colored Slide Club
Storer Chapter Club for Young People (monthly)
YWCA Teen-Agers Clubs (Two clubs meeting weekly)
Family Service Society (four times a year)
Young Peoples Group, Alliance Church of West Hartford

Activities of Meeting
MEETING FOR WORSHIP
Monthly Supper and Evening Meeting with Speaker
Monthly Meeting for Business
Committee Meetings
Weekly Fellowship Luncheons following Meeting for Worship
First Day School
First Day School Parents and Teacher Meeting
Sewing Group (every other week)
Xmas Sale and Auction

The Bulletin Committee reported that a Bulletin had generally been issued monthly except during the summer.

The Nursery School report recorded below was read and the recommendation concerning the playgrounds approved by the Meeting on a trial basis.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Board of the Nursery School and the Management Committee of the Meeting met on January 4 to come to a decision on the use of the playground after school hours.

The Nursery School owns various items of play equipment which are too large and cumbersome to be moved to a place of safe keeping after each day's use. This equipment includes specially built swings, a Jungle Gym, certain boxes, etc. Most of it was specially built at low cost by a committee of fathers as part of their cooperation in the maintenance of the school. It was constructed so as to be sturdy enough for use by pre-school shildren up to the age of 6. It is not strong enough to stand the battering older children give it. Older children from the neighborhood have been entering the playground after school hours and destroying the equipment.

The Committee carefully reviewed various proposals that have been made to meet this problem. It considered the possibility of supervision by neighborhood mothers. It considered the desirability of being neighborly and letting neighborhood children benefit by the existence of the playground. It considered the practicality of locks and signs in keeping older children out. It considered the possibility of excluding older children only, since younger children can give equipment which was built for their use only normal wear and tear. After weighing all these points of view the Committee decided:

1) To post signs on the two gates reading PRIVATE PLAYGROUND PLEASE KEEP OUT. These signs to be erected by the Nursery School and signed by the Nursery School.

2) To place locks on both gates. These locks to be purchased by the Meeting and installed by the Management Committee.

3) To ask the Nursery School staff to be responsible for locking the gates at the end of each school day.

4) To ask Mr. Coles to unlock both gates before and after all meetings in the Meeting House which might involve people's crossing the playground. This includes unlocking the gates Sunday morning and leaving them unlocked until the Meeting goes home Sunday afternoon.

The Committee realizes that no solution to the problem will satisfy all the points of view. It hopes that the decisions it has reached will be satisfactory to the Board of the Nursery School and to the Meeting.

The decisions are subject to review after they have been in force for awhile.

For the Joint Committee
Thomas R. Bodine, Convener

January 6, 1952

The Sewing Committee reported:

The first half of the year of 1951, our Clerk, Jeannette Purdy, took charge of sewing, along with her many other duties. For this devoted service, our Meeting is greatly in her debt. 500 pounds of clothing were shipped. The last few months, the group decided to meet every other week, instead of each week, in the hope of larger attendance. This seems to have worked out well, and from 6 to 11 have attended each time. 764 pounds of clothing have been sent to Cambridge, making the total for the year over 1250 pounds.

The character of our work has changed. A few years ago, we sewed on new garments, mostly. Now, boxes of second hand clothes, from many sources are left at the Meeting House. This indicates that our work is becoming better known. Sorting,laundering, mending, packing and tying up the bundles take most of our time now. All kinds of garments from fur coats to underwear, some in very good condition and some in rags and tatters, have been gratefully received.

We have several requests to make of the Meeting. Please spread the word among your friends that we are eager for clothes. Secondly, please save good cartons for packing. Thirdly, if anyone goes to Cambridge, kindly let us know so that packages may be sent to the Friends' Center there. Another matter at the moment may be worth mentioning. If anyone is motoring to Canaan, Conn. a Friend there would like supplies to work on.

Our meetings, we hope, have added value, apart from the sewing itself. The fellowship and friendliness we feel for one another seems to foster closer unity for our Meeting as a whole.

Elizabeth Taylor Butterworth
for the Sewing group.

The Meeting listened attentively to the foregoing reports and gave its approval to all of them. Expressions of gratitude for the work of the Committees were heard frequently during the evening.

The Nominating Committee submitted a list of recommended personnel for the various offices and committees. After additions and corrections the Meeting approved the following list of appointees.

Nominations for 1952

Clerk: Thomas Bodine
Recording Clerk: Bernice Smith
Treasurer: Robert Walker
Recorder: Alice Jorgensen
Auditor: George Halford
Representative on Nursery School Board: Thomas Bodine
Representative on Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Butterworth

Ministry and Counsel

Jeanne Clepper	1 year
Robert Smith	1 "
Hannah Cleaver	2 "
Ralph Williams	2 "
Theodore Banks	3 "
Mabel Bailey	3 "
Jeannette Purdy	3 "

Library Committee
- Margaret Morrison, Chairman
- Virginia Costales
- Harold Collins
- Barbara Ellison
- Virginia Hicks
- Edith Clapp

Adult Education Committee
- William Greene, Chairman
- Moses Bailey
- Francis Helfrick
- Alexander Purdy

Program Committee
- Bernard Wojan, Chairman
- Moses Bailey
- Elizabeth Greene
- Alexander Purdy

Peace and Service Committee
- Moses Bailey, Chairman
- Francis Helfrick
- Sylvia Helfrick
- Patricia Ritter
- Theodore Paullin

Hospitality
- Hannah Cleaver, Chairman
- Elizabeth Butterworth
- Virginia Costales
- Ellen Paullin
- Florence Greene
- Lois Williams
- Alice Jorgensen
- Katherine Locke

First Day School Committee
- Glenn Roberts, Chairman
- Ethel Collins
- Virginia Costales
- Virginia Cretty
- Patricia Ritter
- Sylvia Helfrick
- Ralph Williams
- Ellen Paullin
- Carol Murphy
- Florence Greene

Bulletin Committee
- Jeanne Clepper, Chairman
- Wendell Clepper
- Lois Williams
- Carol de Cou Howard

Finance Committee
- Paul Cleaver, Chairman
- Treasurer, ex officio
- Gerald Greene
- William Greene

Ushers Committee
- Frank Gademan, Chairman
- Any member of the Meeting may be called on to usher

Sewing
Elizabeth Butterworth, Chairman

Management Committee
Thomas Harvey)
Paul Butterworth) Co-chairmen
Chairman of Hospitality, ex officio
Clerk, ex officio
Treasurer, ex officio
Mabel Bailey
Katherine Locke

Flower Committee
Margaret Morrison, Chairman
Elizabeth Greene

Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee
Virginia Costales, Chairman
Edith Clapp, for 2 years
1 member, to be nominated by the Meeting for a three year term.

Alexander Purdy, new appointee

Committee on Investments
Paul Butterworth, Chairman
Paul Cleaver
Thamas P. Harvey

Quarterly Meeting to be held January 27 in New Haven was announced. Thomas R. Bodine, as Clerk, and Bernard Wojan as Program Committee Chairman are our regular representatives. Bernice Smith and Ted Paullin were appointed as alternates.

It was suggested that a letter of greetings be sent to the Barbers, who are now in Luxembourg. Thomas R. Bodine was appointed to write.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

February 14, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held February 14, 1952 at the Meeting House following a period of worship.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved with one correction.

Paul Butterworth made the following report for the Committee on Investments for the year 1951:

The one investment of the Hartford Meeting, beyond its real estate and furniture and fixtures, is the Frank Wittko fund, income of which is at the Meeting's disposal. The principal, while given originally to the Building, is being held by decision of the Meeting for later action, it having been felt that the donor himself might sometime have need for part or all of this fund.

The principal is invested in National Dairies Company capital stock now quoted $52, about four dollars a share more than our purchase price, and yielding some 6%. Our committee has had discussion recently about the evils of having all of our egg in this one basket but has reached no conclusion. We would like to diversify the Meeting's investments by having more eggs in more baskets but assume that while substantial sums remain to be paid on our building debt, we are unlikely to be given more funds for investment.

For the Committee
Paul Butterworth

The Meeting noted that two of the smaller Trust Funds were not included in this report and asked that they be included in the 1952 report. The report was approved.

Gerald S. Greene reported for the Committee on Ushering for 1951. The question as to whether ushers should continue to serve during July and August was discussed and this matter was left up to the Committees on Ministry and Counsel and Ushering. The meeting approved this report which follows:

1. The ushers committee provided coverage for the weekly meeting for 44 weeks
2. The average attendance at each meeting was 44, with 55% male and 44%female.
3. It is recommended that due to the small attendance during the summer months that the system of having ushers be discontinued during the months of July and August.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald S. Greene

Thomas R. Bodine, our former Treasurer, gave his annual report which was approved with appreciation. It was decided that copies of the report should be sent out with the next Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report

As will be seen from the attached Tables, the Meeting enjoyed a good year financially in 1951. The contributions to the General Fund at $3,297.84 exceeded the expenditures of $3, 048.06 and were almost double the sum contributed in the previous year.

The fifty families and single individuals that make up the membership of the Meeting contributed a total of $1,855.16, and average of $37 per family unit. Nineteen families gave more than $50. Seven families did not contribute, but of these five were absentee members. Non-members contributed $737.75. The Contribution Box brought in $158.43. First-Day School collections totaled $8.75 amd the Fair produced $263.72. A special gift of $250 rounded out the year's contribution and made possible among other things the forwarding to the Yearly Meeting of a sum equal to $5 per member.

The deficit in the Meeting House Maintenance account came to $278.51. Part of this represented insurance paid for in advance, so that the real deficit was $216.86. The deficit in this account was primarily the result of much higher costs for snow removal and care of grounds than was expected. These costs are under control now. The Finance Committee has asked the Nursery School to share part of this deficit and expects to cover the rest from the surplus in the Meeting's General Fund.

The Building Fund ended the year with $26.59 over the $1,000 pledged. Members contributed $633.14 and non-members $393.45.

The Peace and Service Committee incurred a deficit of $176.09 because of very heavy expenses on behalf of the Displaced Persons family we assumed responsibility for in 1949. It is expected that this deficit will be offset by contributions that are due to come in from George Trofimoff, a displaced person, who was helped in 1946 - 1948 and is now in the U. S. Army.

The Treasurer has been very much impressed with the way the members of the Meeting have gotten behind their financial responsibility and by the very generous response of our friends and attenders. The first year in the new Meeting House has gone off well, and the Meeting has proved that it understands its financial obligations and is ready to meet them. Letters of thanks were written to each contributor except for certain regular givers with whom the Treasurer had an unwritten understanding.

Submitted by the 1951 Treasurer,

Thomas R. Bodine

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for the year 1951

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1-1-51	$ 555.96		
Contributions	3,297.84		
Special Gift for 1952 Budget	337.26		
Total Available		$4,191.06	
Expenses (details in Exhibit A)		3,048.06	
Balance 12-31-51			$1,143.00

MEETING HOUSE MAINTENANCE (details in Exhibit B)

Balance 1-1-51	59.02		
Contributions, Refund, Dividends, Interest & Transfer	2,629.78		
Total Available		2,688.80	
1951 Expenses	2,905.66		
Insurance for '52 & '53 pd. in advance	61.65		
Total Paid Out		2,967.31	
Balance 12-31-51			-278.51

BUILDING FUND

Surplus from 1949	207.13		
Surplus from 1950	447.13		
Surplus from 1951	26.59		
Kirk Fund for 1952 thru 1958	302.00		
Clark Fund for 1952 thru 1958	700.00		
Balance 12-31-51			1,682.85

PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

Balance 1-1-51	30.11		
Contributions & Transfer	330.00		
Total Available		360.11	
Expenses		536.20	
Balance 12-31-51			-176.09

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING WORLD CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUND

Contributions	475.00		
Balance 12-31-51			475.00

MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS (Investment Committee)

"Edgerton Fund"	114.21		
"Seth L. & Minnie J. Gilbert Fund"	274.67		
"Wittko Fund"	1,000.00		
Total Available		1,388.88	
Invested in 25 shares of National Dairy Products stock	1,161.23		
Invested in 4% Bond Ten Allyn Street Dated 1966	150.00		
Total Invested		1,311.23	
Balance 12-31-51			77.65

BANK BALANCE 12-31-51			$2,923.90

Thomas R. Bodine
Treasurer

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

General Fund Expenses - 1951

(Exhibit A)

Item	Budgeted	Expended
	$	$
Education Committee	225.00	231.73
Library Committee	80.00	80.00
Sewing Committee	25.00	40.65
Peace and Service Committee	200.00	200.00
Program Committee	100.00	10.00
Hospitality Committee	---	---
Travel	10.00	--
Bulletin and Secretarial	100.00	106.01
Meeting House Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
New England Yearly Meeting	450.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	62.00	116.67
American Friends Service Committee	100.00	100.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25.00	25.00
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00	25.00
Friends World Committee	25.00	25.00
Pendle Hill	10.00	10.00
Greater Hartford Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Connecticut Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Women's Church Union	3.00	3.00
Contingency	35.00	25.00
	$3,025.00	$3,048.06

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Maintenance Account - Year 1951

(Exhibit B)

INCOME

Balance 1-1-51	59.02	
Appropriation from Meeting's General Fund	1,500.00	
Contribution from Nursery School	860.00	
Contributions from Other Organizations	195.00	
Interest & Dividends from Investments	56.00	
Refund from Building Committee	18.78	
TOTAL INCOME		$2,688.80

EXPENSES	Budgeted $	Expended $	
Cleaning Woman	200.00	135.06	
Custodian	730.00	726.09	
Social Security Tax	--	27.29	
Gas	500.00	577.99	
Insurance	200.00	243.26 *	
Water	20.00	11.18	
Telephone	100.00	108.46	
Electricity	100.00	109.00	
Snow and Grass	100.00	708.38	
Outside Help	100.00	--	
Supplies and Equipment	50.00	117.45	
Miscellaneous & Contingency	100.00	--	
Sinking Fund	500.00	--	
TOTAL EXPENSES			2,905.66
DEFICIT 12-31-51			-216.86

* Amount applicable to 1951. Actually paid Insurance Company $304.91 of which $61.65 represents an advance payment for 1952 and 1953.

The Clerk reported that he had written the letter to the Barbers on behalf of the Meeting.

Robert B. Walker, our new Treasurer, gave his monthly report stating that some members have already started making their contributions on a monthly basis rather than a yearly one. He requested all Committee Chairmen to send in their budgets for this year as soon as possible.

Bernard Wojan and Bernice Smith reported on Quarterly Meeting as delegates and other members added their comments on the interesting duscussion of the Peace Testimony at the afternoon meeting. It was announced that Quarterly Meeting would be held here on April 27th.

Jeannette Purdy reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that Vincent Cochrane had requested associate membership for their children, Nancy Jean and Bruce Joel. The request was approved by the Meeting.

Hannah Cleaver reported that the Hospitality Committee had served supper for the program meeting in January.

Edith Clapp reported for the Library Committee that Marguerite Marsh had met with the Committee and will continue to work with them. Comments showed that the Meeting appreciates the work of the committee and realizes the value of our library.

The Adult Education Committee has sent out notices of a Study Group on Quakerism which will consist of a series of six Sunday afternoon meetings. The first meeting will attempt to find out whether the group will consist largely of Friends or interested persons and what they wish to discuss.

Glenn Roberts reported for First Day School. There was a large attendance this past Sunday. Bibles have been supplied for the teachers. He brought up the question as to whether we should continue to hire a teacher after the end of the term or use volunteer help. The need for outside help was primarily for the 10 o'clock hour and could probably be handled by our own members. The meeting approved the idea of eliminating this expense if possible.

It was suggested that the Adult Education Committee look into the question of finding an hour better than 10 o'clock for the discussion group so that more of the young married people might attend.

Bernard Wojan reported for the Program Committee that Leon Yager, who works with the Alcoholic Clinic, would be speaker on the 28th. The March meeting has not yet been arranged and on April 24th, Henry and Edith Perry will speak on Japan and also show slides. These meetings will all be supper meeting.

Jeanne Clepper reported for the Bulletin Committee. She asked that items be submitted by the end of this week. The Meeting felt that it was not necessary for the Bulletin to publish the list of officers again.

Moses Bailey reported that the Peace and Service Committee had not yet held a formal meeting.

Libby Butterworth reported for the Sewing Committee that they have begun work on new clothing while previously they had had sufficient used clothing to keep them busy.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Management Committee. An automatic thermostat has been installed in the activities room and should help save on fuel. The small tricycle garage has been completed and will help in releasing closet space. The iron fence around the burial ground has been removed and sold for scrap for $83.63.

Marguerite Marsh asked if there could be a list of officers and committees on file where people could refer to it as needed. The Meeting asked that the Bulletin Committee work out such an arrangement.

The Clerk read a letter from Stanley Hockey from London who visited here last June. The letter states that a London Meeting would like to make contact with one of our meetings in preparation for the World Conference. The Meeting asked that either the Clerk or Recording Clerk write to the London Meeting requesting clarification of their ideas and what their concern is.

A letter was read from E. K. McChisney of California who would like the history of our Meeting House. This matter was referred to Moses Bailey. The Meeting asked also that he prepare a history for our records and that a copy be placed in our library.

A letter from Daisy Newman asked about the possibility of the AFSC meeting here the first week end in April. Middletown was suggested as a possibility but the matter was left with the Clerk, together with Alexander Purdy and Hannah Cleaver with the idea that we had had such a meeting last year, but would have it again if the AFSC wishes.

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Bernice L. Smith, Recording Clerk

March 13, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held March 13, 1952 following a period of worship.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as read.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk, reported that the meeting of the AFSC mentioned last month would be held in Middletown on April 5th.

In the absence of Jeannette Purdy, Ralph Williams reported for Ministry and Counsel that Thomas R. Bodine and Moses and Mabel Bailey had visited the Middletown Meeting. They reported a large attendance at the Meeting also that they are starting a First Day School. The Committee reported that they had consulted with Frank Gademan regarding ushering during July and August and found that he planned to continue the schedule during the summer. The committee feels that this is important as many visitors attend during the summer season.

Robert Walker, Treasurer, reported that a proposed budget had been drawn up. Since mimeographed copies are not yet ready and the Meeting small, it was felt that we should act only on two items on which a decision was needed now. The item of the contribution to Yearly Meeting was considered. This showed an increase of $50 as our increased growth has increased our responsibility. Our aim is to give $5 per member rather than our $4.20 pro rata share. Based on 110 members this item is $550 and was given approval by the Meeting. The item covering miscellaneous expenses was increased to $122. This item was also approved.

Margaret Morrison reported for the Library Committee that Marguerite Marsh has continued her valuable work with the committee and has catalogued nearly all the books. Sylvia Helfrick has loaned a typewriter to the committee and Paul Butterworth has been looking into the matter of protection for the books.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Management Committee that the new gate at the northeast corner has been completed and awaits a flag stone path for that entrance. Zora Roberts has turned over a vacuum cleaner for use in the Meeting House. Methods for protection of the books in the library such as screens which could be locked were looked into. Two of the outside groups that might have abused the books are no longer meeting. The Meeting discussed this question and several felt that the books should not be locked up and any groups who abused them should not meet here. The matter was tabled in order to see whether any further abuse occurs. Appreciation to Zora Roberts for the use of the vacuum cleaner was recorded.

A letter of appreciation was received from Bob Westervelt thanking the Meeting for their hospitality for the High School Institute of the AFSC on March 8th.

The Hospitality Committee reported that the February supper meeting was carried out under the direction of Katherine Locke. The committee served luncheon at the institute on March 8th to 29 guests. They have also served tea following the Sunday afternoon study groups. These are to be continued on the next three Sundays.

In the absence of William Greene, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, Thomas R. Bodine said that he hoped members of the Meeting would offer their leadership for the Sunday afternoon meetings on Quakerism. Margaret Morrison offered to make a poster for the Bulletin Board so that people would know about the three remaining study groups.

Moses Bailey inquired as to whether or not the Meeting wished the Peace and Service Committee to make a contribution to "One Great Hour". This matter was left to the discretion of the committee.

Ralph Williams reported for First Day School, in place of W. Glenn Roberts, that considerable damage had been done in the large closet downstairs. Aprons had been torn up and all handicraft work thrown out and other work mixed up. About $5 which one class had collected toward the Building Fund disappeared. The committee is very distressed and would like the closet kept locked. This matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Alexander Purdy reported for the Program Committee that Miss Appasamy of the Seminary will speak on March 27th. Her subject will be "Family Life in India." This will be the regular supper meeting.

Libby Butterworth reported for Sewing that four more cartons had been sent to Cambridge.

Robert Walker reported for the Finance Committee and recommended that about $2000 be placed in a Savings Bank. This sum would include part of the balance in the Building Fund and part of the balance of the General Fund. The Meeting approved the opening of a savings account in the name of the Meeting, the sum of money and the Bank to be decided upon by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee was urged to present the Meeting's working balances accurately so that members may know whether there is an actual need for funds early in the year or whether they wish members to increase their contributions by contributing at regular intervals.

The Clerk read a letter from Barbara Beekley expressing appreciation to those of the Meeting who had instituted and contributed to the Nursery School Scholarship Fund in memory of her mother, Jane Beekley, a Meeting attender. He stated that the Meeting would make a small contribution to this fund.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Bernice L. Smith, Recording
Clerk

April 10, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held April 10, 1952 following a period of worship.

In the absence of Thomas R. Bodine who is recuperating from his recent appendectomy, W. Glenn Roberts was appointed temporary clerk.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Paul Butterworth and Ellen Paullin reported on the meeting of the AFSC which was held in Middletown April 5th.

Robert Walker, Treasurer, made the following report for the first quarter;

Quarterly Report of the Treasurer
January 1st through March 31st, 1952

Explanation of Income

Balance brought forward from 1951	$2923.90
Cash Receipts against Budget of $3475.00	1099.81
Contributions for Building Fund	43.25
Contributions for New England Yearly Meeting Travel Fund	901.43
Special Gift earmarked for loan	500.00
Total Income	$2544.49

Explanation of Expenditures

Loan	500.00
Meeting House Maintenance	674.60
Library Committee	5.29
First Day School Committee	55.39
Program Committee	10.00
New England Yearly Meeting	275.00
New England Yearly Meeting Travel Fund	100.00
Other Expenditures	167.73
	$1788.01
Balance as of March 31, 1952	$3680.38

Paul Cleaver reported on the proposed budget which follows:

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Proposed Budget for 1952

Item	Expended in 1951	Proposed Budget for 1952
Education Committee	$231.73	$225.00
Library Committee	80.00	155.00
Sewing Committee	40.65	25.00
Peace and Service Committee	200.00	200.00
Program Committee	10.00	100.00
Hospitality Committee	-----	-----
Travel	----	-----
Bulletin and Secretarial	106.01	150.00
Meeting House Maintenance	1500.00	1600.00
New England Yearly Meeting	500.00	550.00
Miscellaneous	116.67	122.00
American Friends Service Committee	100.00	100.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25.00	25.00
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00	25.00
Friends World Committee	25.00	25.00
Pendle Hill	10.00	25.00
Greater Hartford Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Connecticut Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Women's Church Union	3.00	3.00
Contingency	25.00	35.00
	$3048.06	$3425.00

The Meeting approved a token gift of $5.00 for the Nursery School Scholarship Fund.

The question of money for a travel fund was raised. Such a fund might be drawn on by those wishing to attend AFSC meetings or Yearly Meeting and needing financial help in order to attend. The Meeting recommended that this matter be considered by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

The budget was approved with appreciation.

Margaret Morrison reported for the Library Committee that Marguerite Marsh had finished her work on the books for the time being. Two new members, Harold Collins and Miss Henry of the West Hartford Library, have been added to the Committee. Thanks were expressed to Florence Greene for help with mimeographing and to Ralph Williams and Paul Butterworth for giving books to the Library.

The Management Committee reported that the flag stone path had been laid to the north east gate and shelves for janitor's supplies have been added in the rear vestibule. Some of the tables and chairs are to be stored in the heater room so that the closet used by the First Day School may be kept locked.

Paul Butterworth also brought up the proposal of the Nursery School that they operate a kindergarten. This would necessitate use of the activities room eacy afternoon, Mondays through Fridays, for a class of 25 children five to six years old. Kindergartens are overcrowded and the Nursery School Board feels that they would be filling a community need. After considerable doubt on the part of the Meeting as to the advisability of increasing the program of the Nursery School, it was recommended that the question be tabled until next month and that a note be made in the Bulletin to the effect that the question had arisen and would be reconsidered next month. The Meeting also requested the Management Committee to ask the Nursery School not to make any commitments until after our next meeting.

W. Glenn Roberts reported for the First Day School Committee that they were very much pleased with the way in which the Management Committee had overcome their recent difficulties.

Bernard Wojan reported that the next program meeting would be a talk on Japan with colored slides by Edith and Henry Perry. The following month, Winslow Osborne is to speak on Yearly Meeting.

Robert Walker extended an invitation to the Meeting for a picnic at the Walker's hom in Forestville in June.

Glenn Roberts asked that we have a report from our representative on the Council of Churches next month. It was reported that the Council planned a sunrise service for Easter Sunday.

Ralph Williams reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that Mabel Bailey would act as the person to notify in cases of illness among those of our Meeting.

He also reported that Hannah and Paul Cleaver who have held dual membership with us since 1945 have now withdrawn their original membership from Swarthmore.

The Sewing Committee reported that 11 more cartons, wieghing 155 pounds, have been sent to Cambridge. Libby Butterworth attended the meeting of the Sewing Committee of the AFSC at Middletown. More clothing is needed also cartons for packing.

Ellen Paullin reported on the meeting sponsored jointly by our Meeting and the AFSC at West Middle School at which Kathleen Lonsdale spoke on "The Quaker Mission to Moscow". About 450 persons attended and the collection totaled $352.00. She suggested that similar meetings might become annual affairs on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week. Appreciation was expressed to Ellen Paullin for her work on this meeting.

The suggestion was made that the Shaws be extended a special invitation to a Sunday dinner before they leave Hartford, preferably this coming Sunday as an Easter dinner will be served. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Glenn Roberts, Acting Clerk

Bernice L. Smith, Recording Clerk

May 8, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 8, 1952 following a period of worship.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as read.

Robert A. Smith reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that they recommended for membership Samuel B. and Jane C. Burgess and for associate membership their two children, Martha and John M. The Meeting approved the recommendation and welcomed the Burgesses into the Meeting. Mabel Bailey and Thomas R. Bodine were appointed to call on them, also on Joan Hermann, a patient at the hospital in New Britain.

Thomas R. Bodine reported on Quarterly Meeting and read the report on the spiritual condition of our Meeting which was prepared for Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting approved the report:

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING 1951-1952

Hartford Meeting has continued to grow, both in numbers and in spiritual strength. Our major directed effort this past year has followed the first-year emphasis described in the Five Years Meeting FRIENDS ADVANCE: the local Meeting Fellowship. Specifically to this end we have developed the custom of eating Sunday lunch together each week following the Meeting for Worship. Each family brings a salad, or a casserole, or a dessert, enough for ten or a dozen people. Everybody who is staying to lunch pitches in to help set up tables, warm up the casseroles, and wash and put away afterward (men as well as women share all these functions). Each meal is preceded by a deep and very real period of silent worship, which seems to be understood by the children as well as appreciated by the adults.

These Sunday luncheons permit us to invite those who drop in for worship in our new Meeting House to stay to break bread with us. From these casual contacts have grown warm friendships and a source of real power to the Meeting in getting to know one another better and in reaching out to others who are drawn to us.

Our Meetings for Worship are increasingly well attended. Usually there are more non-Friends present than members of the Meeting, which places a more than usually heavy responsibility on all members for the success of the worship. The ministry has generally been good, although occasionally non-members take opportunity to speak along lines not fully in keeping with the worship, but always in a spirit of helpfulness. We have had many meetings swayed by a feeling of real power.

The First-Day School swarms with children. Many of our new members are young families attracted by the growing excellence of the First-Day School. A fifteen minute Meeting for Worship especially for the children, with hymns, a little talk, and a period of silence is held prior to the opering of each First-Day School session. Most of the children are under the age of eleven.

Before Meeting for Worship each Sunday an adult Study Class has been held with discussion built around the two Study Booklets for the World Conference. This has not been particularly well attended although one group of older Friends have come regularly. The monthly Thursday night supper meetings with speaker and discussion continue to be very well attended and add to our fellowship and outreach.

As part of our share in the second-year emplasis of the Five Years Meeting FRIENDS ADVANCE: Evangelism and Outreach, we held a series of six Sunday afternoon lecture-discussions on Quakerism. These were fairly well attended and seemed to be appreciated as much by our newer members as by the wider community and attenders for whom they were originally set up. The leadership was provided entirely from within our own group. Tea was served afterward and provided another opportunity to break bread together and with our guests from outside the Meeting.

An area that has given us an opportunity for learning the lessons of patience and the meaning of cooperation is the use to which our Meeting House is put. When it was built in 1950 it was the dream of some members of the Meeting that the building might be more than just another Church in West Hartford by serving as a sort of community centre. This dream has been only partly realized and has been a source of some strain and effort at times. During the week the lower floor is used by a vigorous and successful cooperative neighborhood Nursery School, whose use of the building sometimes overlaps with ours. But the school is rightly motivated, the education carried on there fits in with our principles, and thanks to the deep underlying spirit of cooperation that exists on both sides, all matters that have come up have been resolved in the spirit of a Friends Meeting for Business. We believe the experience of working together with this and other community groups who share the use of our building has helped to develop our spiritual strength.

Our members continue to share widely in wider Christian concern outside of the Meeting, through various Friends organizations as well as through a wide variety of local community groups. Particularly has our Sewing group, that meets faithfully through the year, contributed to our fellowship and outreach. It is said that the really vital decisions of the Meeting are made over the flashing needles!

The small group of our members worshipping together in Middletown, Connecticut (sixteen miles from Hartford) have grown in numbers and strength during the year. They have changed their meeting hour to 11 A.M. and have experimented with a little class for children during the hour of worship. There is some intervisitation between Middletown and Hartford Friends.

Like any new and growing Meeting, we face the problems of avoiding spreading ourselves too thin, of absorbing many new and vital interests brought to us by new members, and deepening and developing our spiritual life along right lines. We feel we are making progress in these matters, but know that we have a long way to go before we properly perform our share in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

Robert B. Walker, Treasurer, reported receipts of $1672.51 for the period from January 1st through May 8 and a bank balance of $439.12 plus $2000.00 recently placed in a savings account. Maintenance cost totaled $1515.51 which includes heating costs of $525.34.

Bernard Wojan, program chairman, reported that Winslow Osborne would be speaker on May 22nd, his subject being "Yearly Meeting".

Edith Clapp reported for the Library Committee that literature had been requested by the Hartford Council of Church Women for a recent meeting. About 40 pamphlets were supplied by the Committee.

Thomas R. Bodine, representative on the Board of the Nursery School, reported on the question of the proposed Kindergarten. The Hartford Times published an article giving some inaccurate information regarding the Kindergarten. The Nursery School Board plans to wait another month before deciding to proceed with plans. There was considerable discussion of this question and questions were answered by Thomas R. Bodine and Elizabeth S. Greene of the Nursery School Board. The question was raised as to whether or not an older people's group might be more needed by the community. Bernard Wojan reported that Mr. Newton of the Greater Hartford Community Council could give information as to forming such a group. The matter of the Kindergarten was tabled until next month when a further report will be forthcoming from the Nursery School. Meanwhile the Meeting expressed the hope that whatever was done, way would be left open for the Meeting itselt to establish a school or take over the proposed school at some later time.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Management Committee that improvement costs this spring will total about $400. This includes the new entrance from Maplewood Avenue, grading, shelves and racks for chairs and tables.

The Meeting asked that the Clerk send an expression of thanks to Florence and William Greene for printing the address given by Alexander Purdy at the opening of the Meeting House.

Libby Butterworth reported that 16 cartons of clothing had been sent to Boston since January. This makes a total of 857 pounds. Mrs. Rich, who sews with the group, invited them to her home in Bolton for a meeting, but the group will not be able to accept her invitation until fall.

Paul Butterworth reported a concern about our displaced persons family, the Seliwanowskis. The Church with which Mr. Seliwanowski is connected is no longer able to supply sufficient support for the family and Mrs. Seliwanowski is now the chief breadwinner. It is possible that the family may again need financial assistance from the Meeting.

The Clerk asked that the Budget be covered in the next Bulletin and that an appeal go with it.

Thomas R. Bodine reported that the Committee on Ministry and Counsel had been considering the Whitworth family who receive some support from the State Commission for the Blind. This is not sufficient to keep up their apartment which is badly in need of redecoration. Suggestions have been made for making this a sort of work camp project.

The Clerk read the following letter from England in connection with the Friends World Conference:

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
TOTTENHAM PREPARATIVE MEETING

26-3-1952

Bernice L. Smith
Hartford Monthly Meeting
144 South Quaker Lane
West Hartford 7, Connecticut

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter of 20-2-1952. London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting, on considering the World Conference, thought that members arriving in Oxford might take some few days to settle down and that this period of delay might be shortened if further contacts between Friends in various parts of the world could be made before the Conference begins in July. I mentioned this to Stanley Hockey and he was kind enough to write to your Meeting on our behalf.

Our Monthly Meeting is the Devonshire House and Tottenham Monthly Meeting and is comprised of the following Preparative Meetings:- Bunhill, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Winchmore Hill, New

Southgate, New Barnet and one allowed meeting at Barnet Grove. The first four are very old established meetings and George Fox is buried at Bunhill which is in a badly destroyed neighbourhood. Stoke Newington, Tottenham and Barnet Grove Meetings are in relatively poor, built up districts now and the membership is small as many Friends have moved away from these areas which were formerly Quaker strongholds. New Southgate and New Barnet are young and growing meetings in the northern suburbs of London. Winchmore Hill is a very old established Meeting but it is situated in a lovely neighbourhood and continues to retain a strong and lively membership. Sometimes our members are concerned to know whether it is right to move away from the densely populated areas in order to seek light, fresh air and beauty for their growing families.

Four members of our Monthly Meeting are appointed to attend the World Conference. Eric Sly, a newspaperman, was at the last World Conference in the States. John Woods and Barbara Russell are young students. I am a teacher specialising in work amongst deaf children and adults and I live in the Tottenham Meeting House. I hope to join the group studying Race Relations.

We have seven study groups in connexion with the World Conference and I am enclosing a minute from the joint Bunhill, Barnet Grove, Stoke Newington and Tottenham Group which will enable you to share some of our thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Edith M. Taylor,

Correspondent

Is our faith to-day as strong as that of the early Christians?

If not - why not?

This is a question which we have asked ourselves many times and we hope that the Oxford Conference may be able to examine the problem.

We feel that, in some ways, we are failing to live up to the standards set by the early Christiams who gave their all to Christ.

Whether or not we are failing to live up to those standards the outcome of our discussions so far - reflects, again and again, the need for a re-dedication of our own lives - the need to re-examine ourselves and to look again at our service. Is our courage great enough to carry out our own faith?

Do the better political conditions obtaining to-day and the lack of religious persecution endanger our witness? Are we overweighted by too much business and does our Christion witness suffer because of this? We realise the need for organisation but do we have too many committees?

We would stress the importance of the simple way of life. For most of us our mainnservice is in our own homes and amongst the people we meet from day to day. The need for our personal sincerity in everything we do cannot be over-estimated.

Is our missionary work too ambitious? Is there a need for a new approach? Should we now do more of our missionary work here at home amongst students from abroad as well as among our own people?

We would stress the need for keeping in mind both the social and spiritual needs of our younger members. Our reticence in many instances is a hindrance, especially in our dealings with the young, and we hope that an effort will be made to overcome this whilst, at the same time, bearing in mind that our task is to spread the message of Christianity without forcing it upon others.

Finally, we would stress the importance of the Meeting for Worship which is the essential basis of the whole of the life of our Society. Our service should arise from an overflowing of the spirit and this can only happen when our spiritual life springs freely from the source of all life.

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Minute from the Bunhill, Barnet Grove, Stoke Newington and Tottenham Joint Study Circle for the Friends World Conference in 1952.
Our studies continue.

A reply to this letter has been sent by Thomas R. Bodine together with a copy of the spiritual condition of our Meeting and copies of Membership and Queries.

Sam Burgess spoke of the efficiency of the Providence Meeting in their method of handling their First Day School. School is from 10 to 11 which enables parents to attend study groups and then older children can attend Meeting and the younger ones be cared for during the Meeting. It was suggested that our First Day School Committtee look into this question.

Thomas R. Bodine spoke of the illness of Jeannette Purdy's mother and the Meeting asked that greetings be sent to Jeannette who is Indiana with her mother. Jeannette and Alexander Purdy have both given great service to our Meeting.

Vincent Cochrane was approved by our Meeting as Correspondent of the Middletown group.

Alexander Purdy spoke of attending an Executive Committee meeting of the Five Years Meeting at Richmond. They hope to raise money for an office building at Quaker Hill in Richmond which would cost about $150,00 of which they now have about $90,000. October 18th and 19th will mark the 50th anniversary of Five Years Meeting.

After a short period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Bernice L. S mith, Recording Clerk

June 12, 1952

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 12, 1952, following a period of worship. In the absence of the Recording Clerk due to serious illness in her family, Ralph M. Williams served as Recording Clerk, pro tem. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended.

Thomas Bodine reported that greetings had been sent to Jeannette Purdy, and read a reply from her. It was suggested and approved that greetings also be sent to Thomas and Carol Purdy on the birth of their son, Marshall Bartlett, on June 7. Thomas Bodine also reported that he had sent a letter of thanks to Florence and William Greene for printing the address given by Alexander Purdy at the opening of the meeting house.

Reporting for Ministry and Counsel, Thomas Bodine recommended for membership Thomas H. Platt, who presented a letter from Christ Church (Episcopal), Watertown, Connecticut, and for associate membership his two daughters, Sherrie and Polly Platt. At the suggestion of Glenn Roberts, it was agreed that a letter telling of Thomas Platt's reception into membership be sent to Christ Church, Watertown. A letter asking for transferral of her membership to the Ann Arbor, Michigan, meeting was read from Margaret W. Marshall, now living at Okemos (near East Lansing Michigan. The transferral was approved. Mrs. Winslow Ayer was approved as the new head of the admissions committee for the Nursery School.

Robert B. Walker, Treasurer, reported receipts totaling $2066.11 since January 1, 1952. With a regular budget of $3425. and only $760. to raise for the Building Fund (thanks to sums left over from previous years), we have $4185. to raise this year. With the year not quite half over, we are almost half way to this goal, which is most encouraging. The travel fund for the delegates to the World Conference has been completely dispersed.

In connection with finances, the subject of a bazaar came up. When it was learned how small a part of last fall's bazaar (about $35.) came from the tables downstairs in the Activities Room, that the meeting was opposed to an auction again, and that many of the "concessions" operated in the Activities Room could go on without a bazaar, the meeting declined with thanks the offer of several members to manage such a bazaar. It is hoped that this will not discourage these members from helping elsewhere, or anyone who has a new idea for raising funds from sharing his idea with the meeting. In this connection Bernard Wojan announced that on September 25 John Swamley would speak in Hartford under the auspices of the Fellowship of Reconciliation They would be glad to have this meeting as a co-sponsor. Bernard Wojan suggested that we try to have a large meeting, in the West Middle School, and take up a collection for the benefit of the peace work of the F.O.R. and the Peace and Service Committee of the meeting. Doubts of the success of such a meeting were expressed, and the meeting decided to discuss the matter further as a money-raiser at its meeting in September, which will be two weeks before John Swamley is to speak here.

Reporting for the Program Committee, Bernard Wojan said that the committee was thinking in terms of having Laurence and Lucia Barber speak at a supper meeting in October. It was suggested that the Program Committee keep in mind the possibility of drawing upon our delegates to the World Conference also, as we would like to hear about it.

Thomas Bodine reported that the Nursery School has tabled for this year the idea of a Kindergarten. It hopes, however, that in the fall a committee may be appointed, three members from the school and three from the meeting, to canvass the need for a school more thoroughly and to investigate further the desire expressed in this meeting a month ago, that a way would be left open for the meeting itself to establish a school or take over the proposed school at some later date.

Robert Walker, reporting for the Management Committee, announced that the committee is securing insurance covering the nursery school children while they are off the premises (on visits to fire stations, Auer Farm, etc.). The premiums have temporarilly been paid by the meeting, which will be reimbursed by the Nursery School.

Glenn Roberts, for the First Day School Committee, reported on the difficulties of planning for the First Day School as a result of the geographical scattering of both the pupils and the teachers. Jane Burgess outlined her plan for having First Day School begin at 10:00 or 10:15 a.m. There were various difficulties pointed out, primarily the difficulty involved in getting to the meeting house on time for many members, and the fact that the majority of our children are not old enough to attend meeting yet, and that the "baby-sitting" from 11:00 to 12:00 would be a complicated problem. Other aspects of Jane Burgess's proposal, such as greater continuity in the opening exercises, met with thorough approval. It was agreed, after long discussion, to hold an open meeting to discuss this matter further, on Sunday, July 20, after meeting for worship and lunch.

The Bulletin Committee was asked to put out one more issue before the summer hiatus, to incorporate a full page report which the library Committee has ready, the announcement of the meeting on July 20, and whatever else may come to hand.

After a short period of silence, the meeting adjourned until September 11, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Ralph M. Williams, Recording Clerk,
pro tem.

September 11, 1952

After a period of silence the minutes of last preceding meeting were read. The Treasurer stated that the financial report given in the minutes of June 12, 1952 was in error and should be disregarded. After other corrections the minutes were approved.

The clerk stated that Robert Walker felt compelled to resign as Treasurer and asked permission to have the nominating committee present the name of someone tosucceed Robert Walker for the remainder of the year. After considerable discussion Robert Walker's resignation was withdrawn and he agreed to continue as Treasurer until the October meeting.

The clerk read a letter from New England Yearly Meeting referring to the need for funds for a new building to be erected in Richmond, Indiana for the Five Years Meeting. The goal to be reached was stated as one dollar per member, per year, for three years and a firm committment was requested by September 20 of this year.

It was the sense of the meeting that it is our expectation to give one dollar per member, per year for three years, the Finance Committee to determine the method of raising the money.

Bernard Wojan, for the Program Committee, reported no meetings scheduled for September or October and asked for volunteers and suggestions.

Robert and Nan Walker invited all members and attenders to their home in Forestville for a picnic luncheon following meeting on "Family Day" September 21, 1952.

It was decided to have the Program Committee arrange for a meeting during the first week in October for the purpose of hearing reports from the delegated tothe World Conference.

Glenn Roberts, reporting for the Committee on First Day School, recommended that because the teaching staff wants to attend the Meeting for Worship, the school should start at 10:00 o'clock on each First Day Morning or start at 10:30 with the Meeting for Worship beginning at 11:30 instead of 11:00 o'clock. It was also recommended that someone be employed to take charge of the younger children during the hour of worship.

After thorough discussion it was decided to experiment with the 10:00 o'clock hour for the school and to continue the hour for adult meeting at 11:00 o'clock, postponing final decision on changing the hour of First Day Meeting. The committee was given permission to arrange for a governess for the children during meeting.

The Clerk expressed the desire to develop plans to overcome or ameliorate a prevalent condition described as "religious illiteracy". The matter was referred to the Adult Education Committee with a more definite report to follow.

Margaret Morrison read a report for the Library Committee.

Hospitality Committee reported that the customary luncheons following First Day Meetings would begin on September 28.

Frank Gademan for Committee on Ushers announced that at least one usher had been present at each First Day Meeting during the summer. He asked for volunteers for the work in future months.

The Sewing Committee reported that it packed 565 pounds of clothing during the summer. Regular meetings of the Committee will begin October 14.

Katherine Locke, for the Management Committee reported that one room or another in the Meeting House had been engaged for nearly every weekday afternoon. Any committee desiring space for any purpose in the afternoon or evening should consult her to avoid conflicts.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Thomas P. Harvey, Recording Clerk,
pro tem.

October 9, 1952

After a period of silence, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Virginia Costales, reporting for the Nominating Committee, recommended the appointment of Frances Helfrick to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, Lucia Barber for Recording Clerk and Katherine Locke for Treasurer. Lucia Barber was suggested to replace Katherine Locke on the Use Committee for the remainder of the year. The meeting approved.

Jeannette Purdy, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, read a letter from the Second Congregational Church of Holyoke, Mass. presenting the request of Barbara M. Sowersby for membership, and also a request for membership from Sally W. Morrison. The meeting gladly welcomed them to membership. Elizabeth Butterworth and Margaret Morrison were appointed to visit Barbara Sowersby, and Katherine Locke and Lucia Barber to visit Sally Morrison.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel expressed concern that when children were attending meeting, some of the speaking be in terms of their understanding.

The following from Tottenham Preparative Meeting was read by Jeannette Purdy:

Society of Friends
Tottenham Preparative Meeting
Friends' Meeting House
594 High Road
Tottenham N 17
Sept. 14th, 1952

Hartford Monthly Meeting
144 South Quaker Lane
West Hartford 7, Conn. U.S.A.

Dear Friends,

We of Tottenham Preparative Meeting are thankful for the visit of Thomas R. Bodine, and send our warmest greetings and Christian love.

For Tottenham, London 17 England Friends

John Wroot, Clerk
Preparative Meeting

The Tottenham Preparative Meeting is an "affiliate" of Hartford Monthly Meeting, having been related to us as an aid to understanding among meetings at the local level. Ways were discussed for furthering the relationships, through occasional letters, exchange of books, through the sending of reprints of Alexander Purdy's address on the dedication of our Meeting House and such materials as those of our First Day School. Individual committees were recommended to seek methods of liaison, and Jeannette Purdy was asked to explore the possibility of finding a person to initiate contact with them. The bulletin committee was asked to include a paragraph about the Tottenham Meeting, giving its address.

Glenn Roberts, reporting for the First Day School Committee, reported that First Day School had begun on schedule. Two students from New Britain Teachers' College were secured to supervise the children during the Meeting for Worship. It was pointed out the cost of $1.50 each, plus transportation, may cuase the First Day School Committee to spend a little more than their 1952 budget. The meeting was asked to give approval that the arrangement be continued temporarily, which it did.

Thomas R. Bodine, reporting for the Management Committee, suggested that the Management Committee be divided into three sections, one on Housekeeping, which would be composed of women, one on Use, probably two persons, and one on Grounds, for men, and that the Chairman of the Hospitality Committee be made an ex officio member of the Housekeeping Committee. The Meeting approved.

Laurence L. Barber suggested that the Meeting consider some method by which the Barbers could assume responsibility for answering the Meetinghouse telephone when the building was not in use. The Meeting approves and suggested that

Laurence Barber be asked to explore possibilities in cooperation with the Management Committee.

Thomas R. Bodine, reporting for the Nursery School Board, reported that plans to use the upstairs hall had been dropped. A request was made that Barbara Beekley Meyers be allowed to have on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 a class of four to six mentally disturbed children who would be referred to her by psychiatrists for an experiment in the use of play therapy in treatment, since wide community interest had been expressed in such a pilot project. The Meeting expressed interest and recommended that the Nursery School be encouraged to begin.

A report from Robert Walker, the Treasurer, was made by Hannah Cleaver that the financial situation was improving, and a request was made that a more complete report be brought to the November meeting.

Reporting for the Hospitality Committee, Hannah Cleaver said that a tea for the Hartford County Council of Church Women had been held at the Meeting House, with 90 guests. A dinner was held for the Meeting last month. Hannah Cleaver reported that it had been possible out of the money collected for meals to cover the cost of a few housekeeping items, such as soap and coffee.

Moses Bailey, reporting for the Peace and Service Committee, said that Graham Leonard, a young man at the Seminary who has recently returned from Ramhalla, is expecting trouble with his draft board and he requested that the Meeting give it s moral support. The Meeting expressed its support of Graham Leonard, andalso of Francis Helfrick, who has received a 1-A classification.

Lucia F. Barber brought to the Meeting an expression of gratitude for the work of the American Friends Service Committee in Holland at the end of the war at the request of Mrs. Pelgrim of Wasenaur, Holland.

The Program Committee through Bernard Wojan, reported that a meeting had been arranged for October 16 at which Thomas R. Bodine would show slides. The Meeting agreed that a speaker should be secured for October 30 and also for November 20. The possibility of holding a Christmas Party inDecember was suggested.

The Meeting appointed as representatives of Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Springfield on Sunday, October 26, Thomas R. Bodine and Bernard W. Wojan, with Edith Clapp and Sally Morrisson as alternates.

Thomas R. Bodine, reporting in place of William Greene for the Adult Education Committee, said that the theme for October would be "What is our Faith?", with Hannah Cleaver as leader on October 12. Friends were requested to volunteer for leaders.

In reporting for the Library Committee, Margaret Morrison said the the circulation since August had been 14 books, and 5 pamphlets circulated and 10 pamphlets sold. The Library had acquired one copy of the new revised Bible, and two copies of the new edition of Fox's Journal. Several gifts had been received from Anne DeRongé. The Library Committee presented its concern that material of various types and viewpoints be included in our library, taking into consideration all aspects. The matter was tabled to the November meeting.

Ralph Williams presented an appeal for funds for use toward the repair of the Hertford, England Friends' Meeting House, the second oldest building for the use of Friends.

Elizabeth Butterworth announced that the Sewing Committee would begin on Tuesday, October 14 and would meet every other week. She also brought greetings to the Meeting from Robert and Bernice Smith.

Laurence Barber expressed the gratitude of all the Barbers for the material and spiritual welcome provided by the Meeting on their return from abroad.

Jeannette Purdy reported that Alexander Purdy was to be one of the three speakers at the opening of the new Meeting House at Providence and suggested that a minute of Greeting be prepared for presentation to them on the occasion of the opening of their new home.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia F. Barber, Recording Clerk

November 13, 1952

After a period of silence, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elizabeth Butterworth and Margaret Morrison met with Barbara Sowersby for the purpose of welcoming her to the fellowship of our meeting and Thomas Bodine and Mabel Bailey made a welcoming visit to Samuel and Jane Burgess.

A letter to Tottenham Preparative Meeting in London, England has been written by Zora Roberts.

A letter was read from Preston Smith, who is now residing in Guilford, Conn. in which he quoted a letter he had received from his draft board asking that a letter be sent to his draft board stating that he is a member of the Society of Friends. The suggestion was made that George Ritter be asked for advice, and if the procedure is proper, that such a letter be sent. The meeting agreed and asked the Clerk to send a letter to Preston Smith expressing our support.

Samuel Burgess reported that he had been classified 1-O-M by his draft board.

Katherine Locke, the treasurer, reported that the Meeting had received $2,340.60 of a budgeted $3,425 for the general fund, leaving a balance due of $1,084.40 and that to date the building fund had received contributions of $201.29, which with $100 from the Clark and $43.13 from the Kirk funds, made atotal of only $344.42. The Meeting requested that the bulletin carry a reminder that Friends have financial obligations to both the General Fund and the Building Fund. The Finance Committee was requested to consider for presentation at the next meeting a recommendation that the two funds be consolidated, for 1953.

Thomas Harvey, for the Management Committee, reported that Mr. Coles, the janitor, will probably be replaced on December 1 by Mrs. Johnson. The Meeting approved that the change of janitors take place before the new committee assumes its responsibilities, and left details to the Management Committee. In the new phone book, an alternative listing for the Meeting House will be included to make it possible for any person wishing to call the Friends' number to do so at any time.

Glenn Roberts, reporting for the First Day Committee, reported that the First Day School was averaging around 24 children, and that the attenders were regular and prompt. Several of the older children have been given positions of responsibility, such as assistant teacher, librarian and secretary-treasurer. The older children are given fifteen minutes of preparative work and then are taken to the Meeting for Worship. The Meeting endorsed the work of the committee and recommended that the older children should be encouraged to enter into the meeting.

The Adult Education Committee reported successful and profitable discussions this fall. A concern was expressed that the members of the discussion group should lay it upon their consciences to assume responsibility for closing their discussions early enough so that they might arrive promptly at Meeting for Worship.

The Library has received gifts of books from Ruth Kirk, Katherine Locke, Mary Andrews and Laurence Barber. The meeting approved a suggestion that the Library Committee subscribe to some magazines and left the details to the Library and Selection Committees.

Margaret Morrison, reporting for the Library Committee, asked for guidance concerning the types of material which should be included in our library. After discussion, the meeting was in agreement that ours should be a specialized library, with emphasis upon material about and by Friends. The basis of selection of all books should be whether or not they are in line with the general principle of the application of religious motivation to the secular world. The method of choice should be through selection rather than censorship. While this need not be interpreted to mean we should include only material which is in agreement with us, we must keep in mind that the libraries in this area are supplied with a wide range of material, and any material not in accord with our basic principles should be included on the basis of whether or not it is readily available in other places.

A suggestion was made that a swapping shelf be established where members might exchange materials of interest which would not ordinarily be kept in the library. The matter was referred back to the Library and Selection Committees.

The Program Committee reported that Laurence and Lucia Barber will speak on November 20 and that plans are being made for the January Meeting. A desire was expressed that Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth be asked to speak to us about their European trip.

The Hospitality Committee reported that a supper had been held on October 30, and that one was being planned for November 20. A request was made that the bulletin include a plea for material for our emergency pantry shelf.

The meeting was reminded that parking space is available on Maplewood Avenue on Sunday mornings.

The need for proper distribution of Minutes of Yearly Meeting was discussed, and the remainder of the distribution of this year's Minutes was placed in the care of Sally Morrison.

Jeannette Purdy reported that a group had visited Robert and Bernice Smith and found them well and happy. Robert Smith had secured from a Sarah Ward the latch from the original Hartford meeting house which he was presenting to the Meeting.

Edith Clapp had a pleasant telephone conversation with Cassandra White and reported that Mrs. Paul P. Swett of Gun Mill Farm Road, Bloomfield would forward mail to the Whites.

The Sewing Committee has sent 19 packages weighing 359 pounds to Cambridge. An extra meeting was held on October 24 at the home of Mrs. R. G. Rich in Bolton. The group had an enjoyable time and appreciated Mrs. Rich's hospitality. The next meeting will be held on December 2.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on December 11.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia F. Barber, Recording Clerk

December 11, 1952

After a period of silence, the minutes of the last meeting were read

A letter has been sent to Preston Smith's draft board. He has received a classification of 1-O.

A letter has been received from Providence Monthly Meeting, thanking us for our good wishes on the occasion of the opening of their new Meeting House.

The members of the Committee on Ministry and Council have continued to make calls on new members, hoping to make them feel at home in our meeting.

Paul Cleaver reported for the Treasurer that contributions were coming in very slowly for the General Fund. The Building Fund has received a total of $499.63 from 12 contributors. Letters calling attention to this situation have been sent to members and attenders and it is hoped that we shall be able to enter this coming year without a deficit.

The Finance Committee advised the Meeting that it felt that the responsibilities of members to contribute to both the General and the Building Funds are separate and distinct. When the Meeting decided to build the Meeting House, members agreed to contribute to its cost over and above their normal contributions for the meetings general expenses, and it is felt that continuing the funds separately will make it easier for them to remember their additional responsibilities. The Finance Committee hopes to expand in order that each member may be approached early in the year and reminded that sharing in the financial responsibilities of our meeting is as vital as sharing in the spiritual side. Opportunity will be given each member to indicate his probable contribution for 1953.

The First Day School Committee, for which Glenn Roberts reported, has taken under advisement the need to curtail the noise of children during the time of Meeting for Worship.

The Meeting approved purchase of an electric clock to be placed over the service window to help the First Day School keep track of time.

On December 21 a program will be held by the First Day School from 10 to 11, consisting of contributions from each class, the singing of carols, decoration of a mitten tree, and presentation by Paul Butterworth of inscribed gift Bibles from the Meeting to seven children attending First Day School who have passed their tenth birthday. In order that parents and older members may share in the festivities, the adult discussion group will not be held. Following Christmas dinner there will be a family program. It was suggested that the Whitworths be asked to attend as guests.

Hannah Cleaver, for the Hospitality Committee, reported that 25 had attended the November dinner meeting.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Management Committee that William Coles, who has been janitor since the building was half completed has been retired as of December 1 with an extra month's pay, and that Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor who has had children in the Nursery School, will do the downstairs janitorial work while Mrs. Tenders continues to do the upstairs. Elizabeth Greene has agreed to accept the job of Chairman of the Housekeeping Committee for a trial period of a month.

The Management Committee recommended that neighbors dwelling near by be invited to meet with us early in January with the intention of becoming acquainted with us and with each other and exploring whether any neighborhood need exists which the Meeting House could fill, with the possibility of offering some such service as an activity for elderly people. The Meeting expressed approval and hopes plans will go forward. Details are left in the care of Paul Butterworth and his committee.

Ralph Williams read a letter from the Hertford, (England) Monthly Meeting thanking us for our interest in their Meeting House and enclosing pictures of it. The pictures were given to the care of the Library Committee, and Ralph Williams was encouraged to send them our thanks along with a picture of our Meeting House.

Alexander Purdy, Chairman, and Thomas Bodine, a member, presented a joint concern from the American Section of the Friends World Committee. A letter from James Walker was read, asking for help in increasing interest in the Friends World Committee and in the Fellowship Council. He hoped that out of the stimulus of the Oxford Meeting a sense of unity and of concern for the committee might arise. A need is felt for a worker in the field, and in the anticipation that these two committees will be united and an assistant secretary will be appointed; an attempt is being made to raise $8,000 for expenses. The Meeting was requested to consider contributing an amount equal to 5% of the expenses of delegates from this Meeting who went to Oxford. We agreed that we would be happy if our Meeting could share in this responsibility, but we feel that the Meeting already gives adequate support to both committees and we do not wish to add to our present budget. However, Alexander Purdy, Thomas Bodine or Ralph Williams will be happy to receive individual contributions for this purpose.

The Meeting expressed interest in hearing more of the work of various Quaker committees and recommended that the incoming Program Committee prepare some programs on the wider aspects of Quaker activities. We hope some means may be found for keeping Friends up to date on the working of these various committees.

The Meeting approved the idea of asking William Fraser, a Scottish Friend working for the Friends World Committee at the United Nations to be with us for our April Quarterly Meeting.

The New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service

Committee hopes to hold an Institute for International Relations in June 1953 at Avon Old Farms.

The Sewing Committee will meet December 16 and then on January 6. Five boxes weighing 97 pounds have been sent to the Service Committee

Appreciation is expressed for the Adult Discussion Group.

The Library Committee has received gifts of books from Katherine Locke and Thomas Bodine, and a book rack from Harold Clapp.

Appreciation was expressed to the Flower Committee for the floral arrangements.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is asked to consider methods of securing a regular temperature during Meetings for Worship.

The Program Committee reports that a dinner meeting will be held on January 22, when Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth will tell about their trip to Europe.

The Nominating Committee, on request of the Clerk, has recommended appointment of a Meeting Secretary to maintain mailing lists and aid in the secretarial work of the Meeting. The Meeting agreed, and approved the appointment of Lois Williams for the balance of the year. In compiling lists, it is recommended that telephone numbers be included and that when the names of persons newly attending are addedto our card files they should have the name of the recommending member added.

Stephen and Barbara Angell are moving in January to the Philadelphia area.

Yearly Meeting will be held from Tuesday, June 16, to Sunday June 21.

Lois Williams is selling napkins, towels, matches and lipstick tissues and turning her commission over to the Meeting.

Members are asked to sit forward in Meetings for Worship.

Barbara Sowersby has been given permission to consult the church cards of patients at the Hartford Hospital in order to visit members who may be hospitalized.

Samuel Burgess has reported making a pleasant visit on Joan Herman.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting adjourned, planning to meet together again on January 8, 1953.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia F. Barber, Recording Clerk

MINUTES

THE HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS 1953

January 8, 1953

After a period of silence, the minutes of thelast meeting were read.

Thomas Bodine reported that William Fraser is willing to come for the Quarterly Meeting to be held here in April.

The annual report of the Committee on Ministry and Council was read by Francis Helfrick and placed on file.

The committee recommended that Thomas Drummond Ritter be accepted as an associate member. The Meeting approved. The Meeting expressed the wish that Ministry and Council consider some plan of having new babies presented to the meeting in person.

The transfer of membership of Thomas R. Bodine, who, until now, has held dual membership in Germantown and Hartford has been received from Germantown Meeting, and our Meeting requests that the Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Council send an appropriate letter to the Germantown Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting is to be held in Dwight Hall, Yale University on January 25 and the Committee on Ministry and Council recommended that the Paullins be asked to prepare a report on the educational activities of the Meeting.

A request has been received from the fifth grade of the Duffy School for a speaker on Quakers, and Lucia Barber has been asked to visit with them.

Oliver Kirk is a C.O. assigned to Mansfield Training School, and Friends are asked to offer him their fellowship.

The Committee on Ministry and Council recommends that Ralph Williamsbe asked to serve temporarily as our representative on the Hartford Concil of Churches.

The clerk is asked to prepare a minute to be given to Sally Morrison to take with her to San Francisco.

The report of the Management Committee on Building and Grounds was read and accepted and is included at the end of this report.

The Use Committee was requested to prepare a report on the use of the building by outside groups for the February Meeting.

The meeting representative on the Nursery School Board is asked to discuss with the teachers and board the exact afternoon hours which they wish to have allotted to the Nursery School. A suggestion was made that a file be compiled of letters of appreciation received from those using our facilities.

A tentative report was made by the Treasurer, subject to corrections and auditing. The formal report will be presented in March. With a new Treasurer and an enlarged Finance Committee the hope was expressed that the members might be encouraged to make their contributions promptly. Planned

contributions are recommended as the simplest and best method with the realization that each Friend will have to determine for himself his own method of sharing in the financial support of the Meeting. The Meeting expressed thanks for and appreciation of the efforts of the Treasurer.

Alice Jorgenson reported as recorder, and a copy of her report is included with these minutes.

The annual report of the First Day School will be presented in February. Glenn Roberts reported that the attendance of five children of sixth grade age of above has necessitated formation of a new intermediate class. First Day School attendance has been consistent. The First Day School has had difficulties with finding their material missing or mislaid and the Housekeeping Committee and Laurence Barber are asked to deliberate on means of preventing further difficulties.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Virginia Costales and is included at the end of these minutes. The Meeting confirmed the name of Edith Clapp as a member of the Nominating Committee for one year and that of Alexander Purdy for two years, and Lois Williams was named to serve on the Nominating Committee for three years.

The Quarterly Meeting representatives are to be the Clerk, Thomas Bodine and Chairman of the Program Committee, Patricia Ritter, with Margaret Morrison, Ralph Williams and Bernard Wojan as alternates.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Library Committee for a good job well done.

The Program Committee report was presented and accepted.

A letter from Hertford Monthly Meeting in England expressing gratitude for the gift made by members of our Meeting was read. It included an offer of some early folio editions of some Quaker books for our library, which we expressed interest in receiving.

Wendell Clepper was asked to form an informal committee to investigate ways of reducing the costs of upkeep of our building.

Laurence Barber, reporting for Paul Butterworth's informal committee, reported that the neighborhood get-together will be held on January 18 at 4 P.M. with Bette Spencer acting as coordinator.

The Meeting representative on the Nursery School Board is asked to meet with the Nursery School Board and teachers regarding care of the activities room.

The Building and Grounds Committee recommends that we consider doing our own painting in the Meeting House.

A concern was expressed for the need to provide transportation for some of our members and attenders.

Appreciation was expressed to Margaret Morrison for the flowers which we enjoy each First Day morning.

The report of the sewing committee for the year, which is included with these minutes, was read and appreciation expressed for the work accomplished by this group.

The Bulletin Committee is to be commended for its excellent work. Its report is included with these minutes.

The Finance Committee was asked to consider alloting a small amount for the Hospitality Committee. The Hospitality Committee report was read.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting adjourned, planning to meet together again on February 12, 1953.

Thomas Bodine, Clerk
Lucia Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

Annual Report of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel for the year 1952

The Committee has encouraged visitation among members and attenders. Eight new members were visited prior to becoming members of the meeting.

Three members representing the Hartford Meeting visited the Middletown group and reported a very good meeting. Middletown now has a First-Day School.

Mabel Bailey was appointed as contact person for those who are ill or shut in.

Tottenham Monthly Meeting in England wrote desiring cooperation between their meeting and our meeting. Tom Bodine visited them in July. Zora Roberts has agreed to correspond with them sharing the activities, aims and ideas of our meeting with them.

Barbara Sowersby has agreed to act as hospital visitor at the Hartford Hospital. She has access to the files as has a visitor from any of the churches.

The committee is interested in learning the proper method of calling on people who are ill. Francis Helfrick has secured a list of books and pamphlets on the subject and the committee hopes to make a study of them in the near future.

Nathan and Perry Horowitz feel the need of contact with people who are interested in peace. They feel the Quakers hold many of their ideas and wish to learn more about them. Two members of Middletown Meeting called on them and it is hoped members of our meeting will call as way opens to do so. Their address is R.F.D. #2, Parker Farms Road, Wallingford, Conn.

The chairman wants to thank the members of the committee for their faithful attendance and for the good work they have done this past year.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Chairman

Management Committee Report for 1952

The Management Committee in the year now ended has experienced again regrettably high costs. The removal of the fence around the burial plot has not yet brought reduction in grass cutting expense. The automatic thermostat in the activities room has produced no noticeable heat cost savings.

The fence removal and consequent grounds work caused expenditures which were partly offset by sale of the cast-iron. If and when the discarded flag-stones are sold there will be a further return.

Wehave considered possible economies in the purchase and use by our members of a power grass-cutter -- sidewalk snowplow, but have been discouraged by the problems of timing after a snow storm.

A substantial outlay, expected from the first, will have to be met this Spring in the placing of another layer of surfacing on our driveway and parking area. This will be the "final coat" of the original roadway and should last for several years with our light use.

A "tricycle garage" has been built without cost to the meeting to relieve storage pressure for the Nursery School. Also at its request the east gateway into the play-yard has been closed and a new walk andgate at our northeast corner have been installed at considerable expense.

Inside the building additional shelving has been added for the Nursery School and recently an electric clock requested by the First Day School has been placed on the south wall of the Activities Room.

William Coles, our janitor, has retired under social security at the year's end. We understand that he has sufficient funds for his maintenance.

Mrs. Eric Johnson, our neighbor on the south, now is caring for the lower floor of our building. We are not yet sure that she is able to do all the work. She has prior family demands on her time and our tables are heavy to move.

Mrs. Tender, who for some time has cleaned for us on Friday Evenings, now is devoting herself entirely to the upper floor and stairs and we note the very neat results when we arrive First Day Mornings.

A thorough professional waxing of the upper floors was done in the fall and recently the Paul Cleavers, Senior and Junior, did an equally good job on the lower floor, for which we are grateful. We want to thank also, the Spencers, Katherine Locke and a number of Friends for help through the year. It is especially fitting to mention our satisfaction in the return to their home of the Barbers who do so much for us.

A statement of housekeeping plans and arrangements for the current year appropriately may follow.

Paul Butterworth

Recorder's Report for 1952

Statistics for 1952

	A	As	T
Membership 12-31-'51			113
Additions Total	8	11	19
Birth		3	3
Request	2		2
Certificate F.	2	4	6
Letter D.	4	4	8
Loss Total	3	3	6
Error last year			
Death			
Disownment			
Resignation			
Discontinuance	1		1
Certificate F	2	3	5
Letter D.			
Net Gain	5	8	13
Net Loss			
Membership 12-31-'52			126
Males			57
Females			69
No. under 21			47
Associate			47
Associate trans. to active			
Resident Members			105
Non-Resident Members			21

Alice E. Jorgensen,
Recorder

Nominating Committee Report for 1952

The following persons were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

Edith Clapp -- one year
Alexander Purdy -- two years
Lois Williams -- three years

It was decided to nominate the First Day School Chairman as of July 1, instead of starting January 1, so that the duties of the chairman would start after the First Day School's year is up.

The official list of nomination for 1953 for the various committies, etc. is enclosed.

Virginia Costales,
Chairman

Program Committee Annual Report for 1952

The February meeting opened the series of Supper Meetings for 1952. During that meeting on the 28th, Leon Yager, of the Blue Hills Clinic, Hartford, told about his work with alcoholics and enlarged upon causes leading to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

At the March 27th meeting, Miss Vimula Appasamy, a student at the Hartford Seminary, spoke about "Family Life in India."

During the month of April we had planned to have Henry and Edith Perry as speakers for our Supper Meeting. However, plans were changed so that we had the opportunity to hear about their travels in Japan at Quarterly Meeting on April 27, 1952, and also had the opportunity to see many of the beautiful slide films which they had taken in their tour of the Japanese islands.

During the following month, it was helpful to hear about New England Yearly Meeting, and Junior Jearly Meeting from Ruth and Winslow Osborne who spoke to us on May 22nd.

Our first meeting in the Autumn was the October meeting at which time we heard about the World Conference at Oxford, England. Thomas Bodine, Alexander Purdy and Ralph Williams told us of their observations at that great event.

A second October meeting was held on 10-30-52. At that time, Moses Bailey spoke of histravels in the Near East during the preceding months, and helped us to achieve a better understanding of developments in that crucial area where relations between Arabs and Jews continue to be somewhat strained.

On 11-20-52, we again made use of native talent and were brought up to date on developments in Luxembourg and surrounding area by Lucia and Laurence Barber who had recently returned from a year's residence in that picturesque part of Europe.

In view of the full schedule of activities that most Friends anticipated in December, no supper meeting was scheduled for that month.

For the last meeting in our series, we are looking forward to hearing from Paul and Libby Butterworth on 1-22-52 when they will tell us of their travels, and show some of the pictures taken in Europe during the past summer.

Looking back on this eventful year, it is heartening to realize that many in our local meeting and Yearly Meeting have been engaged in activities whose purposes have been designed to further the spiritual and social enrichment of life. It has been heartwarming to hear at first hand the accounts of some of these experiences. At the beginning of this new year, we continue to look forward to these periods of fellowship and spiritual refreshment where we can take notice that the pathway to Peace and Service continues to push ever forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Wojan
for the Program Committee

1-8-53

1952 Sewing Report

During the year 1952, 1736 pounds of clothing and supplies were sent to the American Friends Service Committee. It is impossible to enumerate the donors, as many people leave packages with no names attached. We wish we could thank each one! About 40 cards of appreciation have been mailed. Eighteen women have come to our meetings during the year. Some have moved away, and others have joined us. We particularly miss Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Bernice Smith and Virginia Cretty. The past fall we have averaged 7 to 8 attenders. A few can come once or twice a year. We are glad to see Friends at any time!

The real work is accomplished by the faithful group who come regularly, and to them your Chairman's appreciation is most sincere -- for otherwise our work could not go on.

1952 Sewing Report (Cont'd)

One member cut out 11 skirts at home before going on atrip. Another comes from 18 miles away, dependent on busses and neighbors' cars, and gives one half of heronly day'in town' each fortnight. Another offers to wash soiled clothing. Another will say, "I'll take the left-overs to the Salvation Army"--and so on. Our meetings brim over with kindly good fellowship and we are sure our days together are a valuable part of the life of the meeting.

There are many community possibilities for the increase of our work, and your chairman feels most humble in realizing the smallness of our accomplishments, in the face of the great need. We ask the help of the Meeting, and God's guidance in making the work of the Sewing Committee of greater value.

Elizabeth T. Butterworth

1952 Report of Bulletin Committee

The Bulletin was issued almost every month in 1952 except during the summer. Believing it important to get the Bulletin out promptly after the monthly meeting, the Committee has attempted to set the following Monday asthe deadline for committee chairmen to get in any requests or reports. Carol DeCou Howard has been very prompt in getting the material mimeographed and mailed after it was sent to her. We wish we could say as much for the work of the editors. We appreciate the increasing number of written notes and reports turned in by Committee chairmen, and the contribution of appropriate quotations to give our Bulletin a little spiritual uplift.

Jeanne Clepper
for the Committee

1952 Report for the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee during 1952 served dinner before each programed speaker gave his talk the fourth Thursday of each month.

Dinner was also served at noon on Sunday, April 27 for approximately 70 people, when the Quarterly Meeting met with us.

A tea was served for the officers and key women of the Hartford Council of Church Women at one o'clock on the 26th of September; 90 guests attended.

Hannah Cleaver
Chairman

Hospitality Committee

Alice Fox, Coordinator
Hannah Cleaver
Florence Greene
Elizabeth Butterworth
Alice Jorgensen
Frankie Greene
Jeannette Purdy
Betty Spencer
Jane Burgess
Ruth Wojan
Mabel Bailey
Frances Zane
Ellen Paullin
Lois Williams
Lucia Barber

Management Committee

Bldg. and Grounds, Paul Butterworth and Tom Harvey, Co-Ch.
Art Spencer
Housekeeping, Frankie Greene and Betty Spencer, Co-Ch.
Use, Jeannette Purdy and Betty Spencer, Co-Ch.

Finance Committee

Paul Cleaver, Chairman
Zora Roberts
Gerald Greene
Robert Walker
Paul Butterworth
Alexander Purdy

Investment Committee

Paul Cleaver, Chairman
Thomas Harvey
Paul Butterworth

Sewing Committee

Elizabeth Butterworth and Mabel Bailey, Co-Ch.
Ruth Kirk
Mary Andrews

Firstday School Committee

Glen Roberts, Ch. thru May
Jane Burgess, Ch. beginning Oct.
Mary Ellen Platt
Frankie Greene
Carol Murphy
Ruth Wojan
Betty Spencer
Ralph Williams
Virginia Costales

Library Committee

Margaret Morrison, Chairman
Harold Collins
Edith Clapp
Virginia Hicks
Virginia Costales
Anne DeRonge'
Eugenia Henry
Alexandra Wehle
George Halford
Marguerite Marsh

NOMINATIONS, 1953

Clerk, Thomas R. Bodine

Treasurer, Katherine Locke

Recording Clerk, Lucia Barber

Recorder, Alice Jorgensen

Auditor, George Halford

Secretary to the Clerk, Lois Williams

Representative Nursery School Board, Florence Greene

Representative Quarterly Meeting Nom. Comm., Bernard Wojan

Ministry and Counsel

- Ralph Williams, Chairman - 1 yr.
- Elizabeth Butterworth - 3 yrs.
- Francis Helfrick - 3 yrs.
- Hannah Cleaver - 1 yr.
- Theodore Banks - 2 yrs.
- Mabel Bailey - 2 yrs.
- Jeannette Purdy - 2 yrs.

Adult Education

- Theodore Paullin, Chairman
- Mabel Bailey
- Hannah Cleaver
- Frankie Greene
- Ralph Williams
- William Greene
- Virginia Hicks, as Lib. Comm. Liaison.

Peace and Service

- Frank Gademan, Chairman
- Ellen Paullin
- Paul Butterworth
- Jeanne Clepper
- Arthur Spencer
- Barbara Sowersby
- Moses Bailey
- Edith Clapp
- Florence Greene (U.N.Weekend)
- Laurence Barber
- Samuel Burgess
- Francis Helfrick
- Patricia Ritter
- Leon Yager
- Theodore Paullin
- Bernard Wojan

Program Committee

- Patricia Ritter, Chairman
- Jeanne Clepper
- Moses Bailey
- Robert Walker
- Frances Zane
- Mabel Bailey
- Bernard Wojan

Bulletin Committee

- Wendell Clepper, Chairman
- Lois Williams
- Jeanne Clepper
- Carolyn DeCou Howard

Ushering Committee

- Arthur Spencer, Chairman
- Laurence Barber
- Frank Gademan
- Glen Roberts

February 12, 1953

After a few moments of silence, the minutes of the January 8 meeting were read.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been prepared for Sally Morrison to take with her to California.

Fellowship has been extended to Oliver Kirk by the Helfricks.

Frances Helfrick for Ministry and Council reported that Thomas Bodine will address Jamaica Yearly Meeting, and asked if it would be possible for him to carry with him letters from this Monthly Meeting and also from our Yearly Meeting. The Recording Clerk was asked to prepare a letter to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Council. Mabel Bailey is asked to carry to the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting a request for a letter for Thomas Bodine.

Ministry and Council recommends and the Meeting agrees that new babies be introduced to the members at an appropriate time; details of such action to be left in the hands of that committee. A recommendation was made that the Adult Education Committee take under advisement the need to refresh our membership on the background and traditions of Friends in regard to such activities.

Wendell Clepper, who was asked by the Building and Grounds Committee to study the problem of care of the grounds with the aim of reducing costs, reported that grass cutting equipment and labor is available for the summer, and suggested that consideration of means of reducing costs of snow removal be left until fall.

The report of the Use Committee for 1952 was read.

The Meeting was asked to consider whether groups who receive all or part of their funds from the Community Chest might be allowed to have the use of the building without cost. The Meeting recommended that the Use Committee be asked to consider the applications of any such groups on an individual basis.

A copy of the proposed budget for 1953 presented by the Finance Committee is included with these Minutes. The Meeting requested that the Finance Committee suggest in a letter to the members figures which might provide guidance in determining the amount of their contributions, with the understanding that such recommendations are in no way binding upon the members. Members are urged to express to the Treasurer their opinion of the extent of their participation. Friends are reminded that financial responsibilities should be accepted joyfully with each family assuming whatever share they can, realizing that it is part of the spiritual communion of the Meeting.

The Meeting approved the budget.

The Clerk reported on the deliberations of a special committee which has been considering the janitorial needs of our building. The burden of care proved too heavy for Mrs. Johnson with her family responsibilities. The Barbers were requested to make a study of hours needed, and to suggest wages. Lucia Barber has temporarily assumed janitorial duties.

The annual report of the First Day School Committee has been received and will be read at a future meeting.

Ushers are asked to take note of the need to reserve seats for the children who come in toward the end of Meeting. It is suggested that parents leave room beside them for their children.

Word of appreciation has been received from the American Friends Service Committee for the mittens from our Christmas mitten tree.

On January 16 at 4 P.M. 55-60 adults and ten children were present at our Neighborhood Tea. Concern for the continuing care of our neighborhood contacts and relations is left to Ministry and Council.

William Greene read the annual report of the Adult Education Committee. It was accepted, and appreciation was expressed for the work.

The Library Committee will arrange to secure "Toward a Fourth Century of Quakerism" in numbers sufficient to meet the demand, and mention of its availability will be made in the Bulletin.

The Library Committee reports that they have made enough progress so that they now can accept Thomas Bodine's offer of a gift of a number of books. Alexandria Whele is to write book notes for the Bulletin.

A request was made at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven that since the next Quarterly Meeting is the time for receiving reports on the spiritual condition of meetings, that consideration be given to the possibility of substituting for the program already planned a discussion of the function of Ministry and Council in Meeting life. The Meeting after consideration approved retention of its plan to ask William Fraser to meet with us.

As a result of a concern expressed at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven a Family Meeting in Hartford for Connecticut Valley Friends is planned for Sunday, February 15. FRita Kaufhold will lead an afternoon discussion on the problems relating to the religious education of children, the content of First Day School program, and the best method of imparting our peace testimony to our children.

The Meeting Representative on the Nursery School Board, Florence Greene, has talked with Mrs. Slaymaker regarding the care of the activities room, and has arranged to have the Nursery School request the time which they will need for their work.

New Separate mail boxes for the Meeting and the Nursery School will be secured.

The Program Committee reports that a supper meeting will be held on February 26 with a panel of four C.O.'s who will speak on their personal problems and a moderator who will discuss the legal situation. In March, Graham Leonard willshow his slides on Palestine.

Ellen Paullin, a member of the Peace Education section of New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee, who is in charge of local arrangements for the AFSC Institute to be held at Avon Old Farms in June, reported on atrip to Philadelphia made by several members of this meeting to secure approval of and cooperation from the National Board, an institute which will emphasize the Quaker approach to modern problems.

Theodore Banks reported that the Middletown Meeting is being held in the Week's house which is now being used as the headquarters for the M.A. in Teaching Program at Weslyan, at the corner of Washington and High Streets, from 11 to 12 on Sunday mornings.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned, intending to meet again on March 12, 1953.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia F. Barber, Recording Clerk

USE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1952

In 1952, eighteen groups, church, civic, educational and social, held fifty-three meetings in the Meeting House.

Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Chairman
Use Committee

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Proposed Budget for 1953

Item	Proposed Budget for 1953 $
Education Committee	250.00
Library Committee	100.00
Sewing Committee	25.00
Peace and Service Committee	200.00
Program Committee	100.00
Hospitality Committee	50.00
Bulletin and Secretarial Committee	150.00
Meeting House Maintenance Committee	1,800.00
New England Yearly Meeting	600.00
Miscellaneous	115.00
American Friends Service Committee	100.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50.00
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00
Friends World Committee	25.00
Pendle Hill	25.00
Greater Hartford Council of Churches	25.00
Connecticut Council of Churches	25.00
Women's Church Union	5.00
Contingency	30.00
	$3,700.00
Building Fund	$1,000.00

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Maintenance Account 1953

Income

Appropriation from Meeting's General Fund	$1,800.00
Contribution From Nursery School	1,100.00
Contributions from Other Organizations	200.00
Interests and Dividends from Investments	100.00
Miscellaneous and Special Gifts	100.00
	$3,300.00

TOTAL INCOME $3,300.00

Expenses

Cleaning Woman	$ 225.00
Custodian	785.00
Social Security Tax	35.00
Gas	600.00
Insurance	250.00
Water	15.00
Telephone	100.00
Electricity	120.00
Snow and Grass	500.00
Outside Help	100.00
Equipment and Supplies	230.00
Miscellaneous and Contingency	100.00
Sinking Fund	240.00
	$3,300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $3,300.00

First Day School Committee Report for 1952

From an eleven o'clock baby-sitting program three years ago while we met in the Hartford Seminary buildings, we have progressed to an organized Sunday School with five classes. It is not possible to judge accurately how much of this progress is due to our having our own place of worship, but probably most os us would assume that the new Meetinghouse has been a major factor in the development.

Until the fall of 1952 we used a girl from the Hartford School of Religious Education to conduct activities for all children who came with parents attending the Adult Class at 10:00, and who also taught a class at 11:00. In the spring and summer of 1952 our own teachers rebelled against losing their own opportunity to worship, and the meeting, at Monthly Meeting, accepted this point of view as one to be encouraged. With some trepidation because of fear that parents and children would not come so early as 10:00 o'clock, especially during severe weather because of the long distances for some members, it was decuded that we would open Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. beginning in the fall of 1952.

To implement this plan further, it was decided to employ one or more women to act as supervisors of the 11:00 to 12:00 worship period for children who did not go to worship. The First Day School Committee asked the Meeting to consider changing the worship hour to 11:30 in order to start the School a half hour later. The Meeting made no decision on the request until it had been sudeid further.

The results of this plan have been excellent. I was one of those who feared it, and am glad to acknowledge that, in the light of our experience to date, I was in error. There were few Sundays in 1951-52 when we had a larger attendance than we have had any one Sunday this past season, but this year we have had a more consistent attendance, and have even had to add another class. For the Fall Quarter our enrollment was as follows:

Nursery	6
Kindergarten	7
Primary	10
Juniors	11

Beginning in January the Juniors divided, and we now have a class of 5 of Intermediate age. During the first quarter the combined offerings of the classes was $1.15 a week. The average attendance was 22½.

The School now starts at 10:00, and study periods close at 10:40, at which time a worship service is held. Ellen Paullin has conducted the worship, and has used a part of it to acquaint the children with the Journal of George Fox. This has been a valuable service.

First Day School Report for 1952 (Cont'd)

The teachers are:

	Teacher	Ass't Teacher
Nursery	Sylvia Helfrick	Carol Murphy
Beginner	Bette Spencer	Polly Platt
Primary	Virginia Costales	Carol Murphy
Juniors	Jane Burgess	Ellen Paullin
Intermediates	Glenn Roberts	

There are also several other Friends, both men and women, who have been ready to substiture when needed, and who have on occasion taken over.

We also have a First Day School Librarian in the person of Peggy Clepper, and a Secretary-Treasurer who is Sherrie Platt.

There is also a small group of older children who are interested in the meaningof membership in the Society, and I have been meeting with them since the beginning of the year at 11:00 for a short period, after which we go to the Meetinfor Worship.

It should be noted that several items in this report are properly not part of the 1952 report, but I have used this occasion to indicate the growth that is taking place.

Faithfully,

W. Glenn Roberts
Chairman

Adult Education Committee Report for 1952

Preparatory to Friends World Conference a group which varied from ten to twenty-five met regularly at ten o'clock on First Day for discussion in the Meeting House Library from January until May. The subject matter was guided by the Second Study Booklet entitled "The Vocation of Friends in The Modern World".

In February and March a series of afternoon meetings followed by a tea, were held in order to meet the requests of members and those interested in becoming members. These had to do with Quaker tradition, history, and beliefs. The leadership was shared from our own members.

Beginning again in October the morning discussion group began with Alexander Purdy's repo t on the conference, Moses Bailey's "How Shall we Think About God?", Hannah Cleaver's "This Is My Faith". Your chairman used "Rufus Jones' Speaks to Our Time" and this led to a series of discussions on "Religion and the Control of Emotion" under the guidance of Leon Yager. Cornelius DeKanter and Theodore Paullin turned our attentions toward Quaker ethics and their relation to government both national and international.

Adult Education Committee Report for 1952 (Cont'd)

The group throughout this year has enjoyed a real growth and vitality as shown by increased membership, a variety of leadership and the spontaneity of participants.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Ainsworth Greene
Chairman

March 12, 1953

After a period of silence the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Katherine Locke, the Treasurer, reported that the Meeting had on hand $920.91 on January 1, and that since then has received $1,059.20. Expenditures have come to $961.99. Twenty-one members have expressed an intention of contributing $1,100. against a budgeted amount of $3,300. in our general fund, and promises of $304. toward our Building Fund of $1,000. The expenditures for this period included a payment of $300 to Yearly Meeting to cover our pledged amount until June 1. During the four fall months, payments to Yearly Meeting will be made at $75 monthly.

Laurence Barber expressed a concern for the apparent lack of understanding between the Nursery School and the Meeting, and after discussion a committee, consisting of Jeannette Purdy, Paul Cleaver, Elizabeth Greene, Florence Greene, Laurence Barber Paul Butterworth and Katherine Locke was asked to consider methods of fostering greater cooperation between the Nursery School and the Meeting and to explore ways which might give the Meeting a closer tie with the supervision of the school. Florence Greene was asked to talk with the Nursery School Board in an attempt to work out the most pressing difficulties.

The report of the First Day School Committee was read and accepted.

The Sewing Committee requested that any persons going to Springfield, Mass. carry clothing which has been packed by the committee to the AFSC center there.

Members are reminded that we have promised to contribute a dollar per member to the 5 Years Meeting Building Fund. Katherine Locke and Paul Cleaver will accept donations.

Frank Gademan, reported for the Peace and Service Committee that a number of projects are being considered for action, including helping in local arrangements for the AFSC Institute at Avon Old Farms, planningfor showings of the re-edited film, "A Time For Greatness" in this area, and investigating whether the committee might aid the Whitworths by helping to redecorate their apartment. A contribution has been made to Elmore Jackson to be used for the purchase and distribution of Quaker Literature to the U.S. personnel.

Paul Butterworth read a letter from the Selavanowski family, bringing the Meeting up to date on their activities.

The Libary Committee reported gifts of books from J. Alexander McCurrach, Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth, and Thomas Bodine. The gift from Thomas Bodine of about fifty books, included about a dozen volumes of old memoirs. Since January 1, 85 books and pamphlets have been circulated and seven have been sold.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Building and Grounds Committee and the meeting approved the expense of laying a heavy armor coat on our driveway and parking space. The sale of flagstones for $100 will help to meet this cost.

The Hospitality Committee reported that a number of new chairs and dishes have been added to our supply. Since the cost of these items, which were needed in expectation of a large attendance at Quarterly Meeting, has exceeded the budget, Friends are invited to contribute toward their cost.

After a few minutes of silence, the meeting was adjourned, with the intention of meeting again on April 9.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia F. Barber, Recording Clerk

April 9, 1953

The Business Meeting held on April 9 was begun with a period of silence. In the absence of Thomas Bodine, Ralph Williams acted as clerk. The minutes of the March 12 meeting were read and approved.

Ralph Williams reported for the Committeeon Ministry and Council. A request for transfer of membership from the Congregational Church at Storrs for Allan King has been received, along with a letter of application for membership from his son, William King. The Committee on Ministry and Council recommend they be accepted. Friends expressed their approval and appointed the Helfricks or the Barbers to welcome them to the fellowship of our Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday April 26. The report on the spiritual condition of our meeting, which is to be presented at Quarterly Meeting, was read and approved, and appreciation expressed for the work of compiling it.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Katherine Locke. In March we received a total of $1,542.55. Expenditures amounted to $461.17, leaving a balance of $1,849.89, on April 1. Thirty-six members have made contributions, and appreciation was expressed for the financial responsibility accepted by the members.

Frank Gademan, reporting for Peace and Service Committee, read a letter from Elmore Jackson thanking the committee for their contribution to his book fund.

A request was made that members visit Elsie , a German woman living in West Hartford.

Barbara Sowersby reported that Thomas Harvey's visitors at the hospital were still limited to members of his family. Alexandria Whele has been in St. Francis' Hospital. Mary Andrews has been discharged from Hartford Hospital.

Paul Butterworth reported that the revised "Time for Greatness" will be available shortly. The Peace and Service Committee is encouraged to plan a showing early in May.

The clerk and chairman of the program committee are to be delegates to Quarterly Meeting.

Paul Butterworth, reporting for the Grounds Committee, announced that the next two Saturdays will be used for cleaning the grounds. The driveway is to be resurfaced.

Mabel Bailey and Lucia Barber have been appointed co-chairmen of the Housekeeping Committee and urge the women of the meeting to plan to spend the next two Saturdays on a spring housekeeping of the inside of the building.

The Use Committee reports that 10 extra meetings have been held in two months.

The First Day School Committee, for which Geln Roberts spoke, reports that graduation exercises will be held on Sunday, June 14, and requests that the adult discussion group not be held so that parents and others may attend.

Attendance at First Day School has been very consistent, averaging from 23 to 26.

The Sewing Committee has sent 13 parcels weighing 195 pounds to Springfield. A package weighing 22 pounds has been sent to friends of Nellie Putz in Wiesbaden. A group in Mitchell House are spending one evening a week mending clothes for our Sewing Committee. The Sewing Committee will meet on April 14 and 28 and on May 12.

A recommendation was made that announcements in Friends magazines of our time of Meeting for Worship be corrected, and that the church editors of the Hartford Times and the Hartford Courant be approached and asked to list our meetings, and that the

West Hartford News be approached with the thought of securing a listing of our meetings there.

The meeting was concluded after a few moments of silence, intending to meet again on May 14.

Ralph Williams, Acting Clerk
Lucia T. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

May 14, 1953

After a period of worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Thomas E. Purdy was read requesting that his membership be transferred to Westtown, Pa. Monthly Meeting since he has been attending that meeting for several years. The Committee on Ministry and Council recommends a letter be sent to Westtown Meeting, giving his transfer of membership, and that another be sent to Thomas E. Purdy, expressing our regret at losing him. The Meeting approved.

Katherine Locke, the Treasurer, reported that as of May 14 the Meeting had received $1172. in contributions for the General Fund, and $314 for the Building Fund. The expenses for April amounted to $448.82. On April 30, the meeting's checking account contained a balance of $1571.75. The Treasurer called attention to the fact that only $19 has been received for the Five Years Meeting Building Fund.

The Adult Discussion Group will hold its last session on June 7 in order that all may attend the First Day School exercises on June 14. Appreciation was expressed for Glenn Roberts' great contribution to the Meeting for his work with First Day School. Jane Burgess, new chairman of the First Day School Committee, recommended that the meeting review the time of holding First Day School since the original plan of holding it at 10 o'clock was for a year, with the understanding it be reviewed at this time. Realizing that no agreement exists at present, the Meeting recommends a study be made of the problem, keeping in mind the difficulty of securing all desired values, and a committee consisting of Wendell Clepper as Chairman and Tom Bodine and any others they may feel they wish to ask to serve on it be formed for the purpose of inquiring among the teachers and parents in an effort to secure the most amiable solution.

The Peace and Service Committee still hopes to secure the AFSC movie "A Time for Greatness". Arthur Spencer reported that a concerned committee of the Peace and Service Committee hopes to paint the Whitworth's apartment on Friday and Saturday and will welcome help from any who wish to share this task. Announcement of the progress being made in plans for the AFSC

Institute at Avon was made and the Peace and Service Committee was asked to consider donating a part scholarship to help one of our members to attend. Ellin Paullin reported further that The Courant is to carry a story on the Institute on June 7, and that the editor has requested permission to take a picture of the end of Meeting for Worship. After discussion, the Meeting agreed that it had no objection to this plan.

The Library Committee requested the donation of suitable material and books for its use.

The Grounds Committee reported that on the last two Saturdays a favorable start has been made by the members on the plan of caring for our property ourselves. All Friends are asked to help. The problem of finding new janitors still is with us. A suggestion was made and approved that after the close of Nursery School, the gates to the property be locked to discourage casual neighborhood use of Meeting House property.

The Program Committee called attention to the visit to be made to us on May 20 by the J. Passmore Elkingtons, and to the dinner meeting on May 28 following which Sigmar Blamberg will speak.

The Meeting's representatives were present at Quarterly Meeting.

The notices of our Meetings in Hartford papers and in Friends' Magazines have been corrected.

The Nursery School Representative reported that a new teacher has been selected to head the school next year. A request was brought in from the Nursery School that something be done about the large number of phone calls for the Meeting which disturb the school between nine and twelve. The Meeting requested that Florence Greene try to find exactly how many calls come in for the meeting during those hours.

The question of whether the amount of liability insurance carried by the Meeting is adequate was raised, and was referred to the Finance Committee. In preparation for the opening of school next fall, a list of recommendations has been prepared to serve as a guide to arrangements with the new teaching staff.

Miss Didonnato, Nursery School apprentice, wishes to run a play group of 25 to 30 children, 4 to 6 years old on our property for several weeks this summer, using the outdoor space and the toilets from 9 to 1. Although this is not a Nursery School project, the Meeting approves in principle and refers consideration of proposal to the Management Committee.

The Sewing Committee reports that it has shipped 38 packages weighing 557 pounds to Springfield. It will meet next on May 26.

The Housekeeping Committee reports that a considerable number of gifts of sponges, mop heads, floor wax and canvas paint cloths have been received from Paul Claaver, and Alice Jorgenson is requested to write to Paul Cleaver, expressing the thanks and the appreciation of the Meeting.

Material which has been received from Devonshire House of Tottenham Monthly Meeting in England is to be placed in the Bulletin.

Alexander Purdy is to be speaker at the opening of the Meeting House in Wilton, Conn.

The Meeting was adjourned after a silence, planning to meet together again on the 11th of June.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia L. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

June 11, 1953

The meeting was opened with a few minutes of silence.

The Sewing Committee, being in need of help, requested permission to have Friends work during Monthly Meeting, helping with mending of clothing, and permission was granted, the Meeting, according to Paul Butterworth, resolving itself into a committee of the "hole".

The minutes of last monthly meeting were read and approved.

The special committee on the hour of Meeting for Worship and First Day School recommended that the same schedule be followed next year as this year, with the addition of an 11 o'clock study group for children eight and above on alternate Sundays at the Barbers, with the children on the intervening Sundays either attending Meeting with their parents or with the parents assuming responsibility for keeping them creatively occupied. The recommendation is that the subject be held open so that if at any time in the future the Meeting desires to make changes, it may be done. The Meeting approves, recognizing that this decision, while not securing all the desired values, does offer a workable plan, and hopes it will be reviewed again next spring.

Jane Burgess requested a notice be put in the Bulletin asking for volunteers for teachers and substitutes for the First Day School.

Francis Helfrick, for Ministry and Council, reported that a request has been received from Joan Linton requesting a transferral of membership to Germantown, Pa. Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approves.

Application of membership from George Ritter has been received. Ministry and Council has considered the application and recommends that George Ritter be accepted as a member. Edith Clapp and Margaret Morrison are asked to call on George Ritter to welcome him into the fellowship of our Meeting.

Thomas R. Bodine, reporting for the Treasurer, said that last year the Meeting received contributions from 85 sources. To date, 42 have contributed this year, with amounts equal to one third of the general fund, and $320 of the necessary $1000 for the Building Fund. Paul Cleaver, chairman of the Finance Committee requested that a special committee be appointed to collect for Five Years Meeting Building Fund. The Meeting reassures the Finance Committee that we do not feel that they have approached the membership too often, and we ask they seek ways and means of publicizing this concern and hope they can secure any volunteer help they need to complete it.

Hartford Mohthly Meeting, being concerned for Friends living in the area damaged by the recent tornado in Worcester, offered help to Friends in that area, but were told help was not needed.

Paul Butterworth requested that a special invitation be extended to Nellie Putz to attend Meeting Sunday so that we may congratulate her on gaining citizenship. The Meeting concurred and Ralph Williams was asked to extend the Meeting's invitation to her.

The Meeting gave approval to a request that the Meeting House be made available for an area meeting for the League of Women Voters.

The report of the Peace and Service Committee was given by Arthur Spencer. On the 15th and 16th of May ten Friends papered the living room, painted the bathroom and kitchen, sanded and varnished floors, and repaired electric appliances and other equipment for the Whitworths, at a cost of $32.84, having first checked with proper authorities to make sure that such improvements would not result in having the rent raised. Appreciation has been expressed to the Clerk for this help by Mr. Whitworth and also for clothing.

Announcement of further plans for the American Friends Service Committee Institute on "The Quaker Approach to Contemporary Affairs" was made, and the Meeting approved the request that its members help by meeting trains and busses and by providing tea on the first afternoon.

The Library Committee reported that gifts of books have been received from Francis Helfrick, Peggy Clepper and Patricia Kurlan. Edith Clapp has secured the help of Miss Helen Ridgeway, Director of Library Services for the Connecticut Department of Education who has offered to help mend books.

The Management Committee reports that the care of the lawns is progressing well under the care of the members and requests additional help from the middle of July on.

Elizabeth Butterworth, for the Sewing Committee, expressed the feeling that the possibility exists to make Hartford a big center for gathering and processing clothing for relief work. Since the last report, 11 packages weighing 376 pounds have been taken to Springfield, making a total during the last twelve months of 2,386 pounds.

In order to carry on the work of the Meeting during the summer, the Nominating Committee is empowered to make appointments during the summer, subject to the approval of the Meeting in September. Jeanne Clepper is appointed to fill Lois Williams' term on the Nominating Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned, intending to meet again in September.

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia L. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

September 17, 1953

After the opening silence, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ministry and Council reported that they had received and approved three applications for membership. Marie Carden, having applied for membership, has been approved by the meeting and Edith Clapp and Margaret Morrison are aksed to call on her and welcome her to our Meeting. Marguerite Bailey Lawn, daughter of our dear members, Mabel and Moses Bailey, has applied for readmission for herself and for associate membership for her two daughters Ruth Ann and Mary Lou Kelly. The Meeting approves and Francis and Sylvia Helfrich and Elizabeth Butterworth are asked to call on them and welcome them to membership. Elizabeth Butterworth is asked to inquire whether it might be possible for Marguerite Lawn to secure a transfer of membership from church with which she has been connected. The third application for membership which was approved by Ministry and Council was that of Graham Leonard. A thoughtful and spiritually minded letter of application which Graham Leonard had written was read to the Meeting. Among other things, it mentioned his great reluctance to apply for membership at a time when his draft status has been at such a critical point. The Meeting expressed appreciation for his sensitivity and approved his membership, appointing Jane Burgess and Frank Gademan to call on him and wlecome him to the fellowship of our Meeting, and to ask that he secure, if possible, a letter of transfer from his previous church.

The Sewing Committee will start work on October 6.

Katherine Locke, the Treasurer, reports that the Meeting is in satisfactory financial condition, with $1635 already collected out of the General Budget of $2200, leaving only $565 to be collected, for the General Fund. The Building Fund is not quite as satisfactory, with only $424 contributed toward the budgeted amount of $1000, leaving a balance of $576 still to be contributed. The Treasurer expressed satisfaction not only with the amount collected, but also with the consistant way gifts have been made throughout the year. A comfortable balance is in the bank and the Treasurer has high hopes that our budgeted amounts will be met satisfactorily.

Paul Butterworth, as a member of the Finance Committee of New England Yearly Meeting expressed satisfaction with Hartford and with the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting's contributions to Yearly Meeting. However, it has been necessary to increase the present budget in order to raise salaries for part time workers, and he asks that an explanation be mimeographed on a separate sheet and be sent to members along with the Bulletin so that they may familiarize themselves with the reasons for this item on our budget.

The Finance Committee of our Meeting having promised to pay $1 a year for three years to Five Years Meeting Building Fund, requests that the Meeting clarify whether or not children be counted, or only adult members. The Meeting agreed that $75 a year based on adult members only was a satisfactory amount for us to contribute.

A request has been received from Durham, North Carolina, asking for a contribution to their Building Fund and the Meeting, while desirous of giving encuragement, is yet mindful of our own Building Fund obligation and approved a gift of ten dollars.

Only half of the families in our Meeting have contributed so far this year to the general fund and only 15 families have contributed to the Building Fund.

Theordore Paullin for the Adult Education Committee reported that it was hoped to begin the adult discussion group on the same day as First Day School and he requested suggestions for proper study.

Superintendent of the First Day School, Jane Burgess, reported that First Day School will be held for those from three to fourteen beginning on October 4. Letters were sent to new children. Two volunteers are still needed.

During the period devoted to concerns of our members, Francis Helfrick read a letter which was addressed to Richard Nixon expressing the concern of certain members of our Meeting that they be allowed to meet with Richard Nixon to emphasize their concern that he do all possible to excert a reconciling attitude during his journey to Asia. A reply, received from Robert D. Ladd, executive secretary to the Vice-President, thanks Friends for their interest and suggests that the members plan to see Richard Nixon on his return, or else to send him a letter. The Meeting approved that a letter be sent in reply to Richard Nixon stressing the need for people to think in Friendly terms when attempting to solve difficulties. Ministry and Council were asked to frame a letter in consultation with Alexander Purdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth have no way to get to Meeting except by buss, which is inconvenient. Appreciation was expressed to the Spencers for their aid in helping them in the past. Friends are asked to keep this possibility for service in mind.

Raymond Wilson of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, who is celebrating his tenth year with this group is to be given a series of dinners throughout the country, partly in recognition of his services and partly to launch a drive of the Friends Committee on National Legislation for disarmament. The Meeting approved that one be held here on November 19 and left details to the Program and Hospitality Committee.

Frank Gademan requested that any suggestions for projects for Peace and Service Committee be referred to him.

Margaret Morrison requested that a list of committees be given to her so that it can be placed on the Library bulletin board.

The Nominating Committee, with Jeanne Clepper reporting, recommended that Theodore Paullin replace Ralph Williams and Katherine Locke replace Mabel Bailey on Ministry and Council and that in the temporary absence of Jeanette Purdy, that Laurence Barber fill her place. The Meeting approved. The Nominating Committee suggested the name of Harold Collins for the Adult Education Committee, of Bernard Wojan for the First Day School Committee and Elizabeth Greene for Chairman of the Housekeeping Committee. The Meeting approved.

The Library Committee reported that circulation of books was up. Appreciation was expressed for the work of Eugenia Henry, co-chairman pro tem, andfor Anne deRongé who has now left Hartford. The librarian, Margaret Morrison, reported that she had visited a number of church libraries and felt that ours was doing a comparatively good job. Book gifts have been received from the Butterworths, Paullins, Thomas Bodine, and Joan Herman.

The Program Committee reportedthat a family picnic is planned for September 27. On October 29, at the first dinner meeting of the year, the speaker will be Hugh Faulkner, British Friend and Organizing Secretary of the FOR who visited the USSR in 1951.

The Management Committee reported that Mr. Robert Kearney, a janitor at Burns School was willing to assume responsibility for our janitorial needs. Appreciation was expressed to Glenn Roberts for the time he had invested and to Graham Leonard for his help in temporarily assuming the janitorial duties. Appreciation is also expressed to Harold Clapp for many quiet services over the years.

The Nursery School which has installed a removable one-way glass in the kitchen service window requests permission to install a venetian blind, and also to curtain the windows to make the room more home-like. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting, after a silence, adjourned; and planned to meet again on the eighth of October.

Resptfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

October 8, 1953

After a period of silence, minutes were read and approved.

Ministry and Council recommended that Scott Heath be accepted as a convinced Friend. The Meeting approved andnamed Samuel Burgess and a Friend of his choice to call on Scott Heath and welcome him to the fellowship of our Meeting.

Ministry and Council recommended that Fritz Semmler, a professor at the University of Connecticut be accepted on a transfer from New York Yearly Meeting and C. Roland and Frances Zane and a Friend of their choice are aked to call on Fritz Semmler and welcome him to the fellowship of our Meeting.

The clerk has sent a letter on behalf of Ministry and Council to Mary Andrews on the death of her husband.

Elizabeth Butterworth reported that Marguerite Lawn was not officially enrolled in the Methodist Church and therefore no letter of transfer is necessary.

The William Greenes are asked to visit Guilford Meeting to carry to them our continued concern.

Thomas Platt and Graham Leonard have been asked to call on Mrs. E. B. Williams and Mrs. Post in Waterbury.

A copy of the letter to Vice-President Nixon in reply to the letter from his secretary written by Ministry and Council with the aid and advice of Alexander Purdy was read. It is understood that the concern of our Hartford Meeting has given impetus to similar correspondence from the American Friends Service Committee. The Meeting urged that in such matters, every effort be made to follow proper procedures.

In the absence of Margaret Morrison, Patricia Ritter and Edith Clapp are asked to call on George Ritter to welcome him into membership in the Meeting.

The Butterworths and Helfricks have not yet called on the Lawns but are planning to do so soon.

Jane Burgess reports that she called on Graham Leonard.

In the absence of the treasurer, Katherine Locke, Thomas Bodine, read the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund is budgeted for $3700 of which $2350 had been received by October 1, leaving $1350 still to be raised. Out of the budgeted $1000 for the Building Fund, by October 1, $380 had been received, leaving a balance of $620 still to be contributed. The treasurer reported some difficulty because those making contributions do not specify where the contribution is to be applied. Zora Roberts, having agreed to contact all members of the Meeting regarding our promise to contribute $1 per adult member to the Five Years Meeting Building Fund had reported that this assignment has been completed. However, out of the $75 to be raised only $28 had been contributed; those who have not yet made their contribution are asked to do so.

The Adult Education Committee reported that the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline is being used as a basis for First Day morning discussions.

Samuel Burgess, for Jane Burgess, chairman of the First Day School Committee, reported that First Day School had begun successfully, although they still need teachers. Bob Ertl will teach one class and hopes are high that an additional teacher will soon be found. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Lucia Barber for the work she is doing with the discussion group for older children. Thanks are expressed to Carol Howard for the stenographic work for the First Day School Committee.

On October 25 at Springfield, Mass. Quarterly Meeting will be held with an afternoon panel on the work of Ministry and Council. Graham Leonard has been asked to assume responsibility for urging Young Friends to attend the Young Friends Meeting of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. Young Friends in Hartford will gather at the Meeting House for a supper meeting on October 18 at 6 o'clock.

Since Edith Clapp is unable to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee, Alexander Purdy is asked to assume responsibility for chairmanship. Friends approved.

Robert Walker is being transferred and the suggestion has been made that some small token of our appreciation be presented to him. The selection of an appropriate gift is left in the hands of Edith Clapp and Katherine Locke.

Edith Clapp requested that some record be kept of the visits made by our members to other meetings. Members are urged to report their visits to Ministry and Council that they may search for ways of devising a proper record. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting expressed admiration for the incomparable work of Margaret Morrison in our Library.

Members are urged to express to our new janitor, Mr. Kearney, our appreciation for his work when the opportunity offers, and Marguerite Marsh and Paul Butterworth have been asked to make a special effort to do so as soon as possible.

The Sewing Committee reported that 25 packages were packed on October 6 and will be taken to Springfield.

The clerk and chairman of the Program Committee have been named as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting, with a Friend from Middletown to be selected as an alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

November 12, 1953

After a period of silence, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

William David Clark has applied for membership. He is a birthright Friend, but his Meeting, that of Milford, N. Y., is no longer in existence, and its records have apparently been lost, so that it was impossible for him to secure a letter of transfer. Ministry and Council recommends he be accepted into membership, and that his wife Edith Adams Clark be accepted as a convinced Friend, and his four children, Eleanor Owings Clark, 18; Sally Elizabeth Clark, 16; David Adams Clark, 9; and William Batterson Clark, 7, as associate members. The Meeting approved and asked Thomas Harvey and Jane

Burgess to call on them, asking them to carry the Meeting's welcome to the Clarks and to invite their children to become members of our First Day School.

Ministry and Council recommended that Barbara Ellen Simons, daughter of Mrs. Kermit Simons of Marlboro, N. H., be enrolled as an Associate Member, and the Meeting approved.

Patricia Ritter and Samuel Burgess called on Scott Heath. The Helfricks and Buterworths called on Marguerite Lawn.

The Treasurer's report was read. Of the general fund, with a goal of $3700, contributions of $2200 have now been received, and $38 of the $75 pledged to the Five Years Meeting Building Fund. Because of the difficulty in raising the $75 fund for this purpose, it has been suggested that the amount be incorporated into the budget for the General Fund from now on. We have been asked to raise our pledge from $75, based on $1 a year for each adult member, to $125, or a dollar a year for each member, adult and child, in our meeting. The Meeting approved increasing our contribution to $125 and of amalgamating it into the General Fund. Of the $1,000 to be raised for our own Building Fund, we have collected $383. Out of the Maintenance Account, budgeted for $3300, we expect to spend this year $3100.

The Library Committee which is budgeted in the General Fund for $100, has spent $90 with some bills outstanding. They request that small funds for purchase of pamphlets and such material be placed in the general contribution box, and that their allotment in the General Fund be increased to $125. The Meeting gave approval for this year, but requested that this be reconsidered in compiling next year's budget.

Out of the $600 pledged to Yearly Meeting, $525 has been sent.

The Nominating Committee asked permission to nominate an assistant to the Treasurer. The Meeting approved.

The financial statement for 1952 has been received and is placed on file at the end of these minutes.

The First Day School Committee reported that Marguerite Marsh will teach 3rd grade. On December 20, a Christmas program will be held at 10, to which parents are invited. If a family party should develop, the Meeting agreed it would be appreciated. The Adult Discussion Group will not be held on that Sunday.

Marguerite Marsh, having visited the preparative Meeting in Guilford, Connecticut, expressed concern that it might be a good idea to give notice in advance if planning to visit them. Appreciation was expreesed to Glenn Roberts for taking Marguerite Marsh's First Day School Class so that she might to to Guilford.

Paul Butterworth reported on the plans for the dinner for Raymond Wilson to be held on Tuesday, November 19. Alice Fox is in charge of the dinner. Young Friends have offered to help with the dinner dishes.

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HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1952

GENERAL FUND			
Balance 1-1-52	$1,143.00		
Contributions	2,851.68		
Miscellaneous Income	47.12		
Total Available		$4,041.80	
Expenses		3,148.95	
Balance 12-31-52			$ 892.85
MEETING HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
Balance 1-1-52	-303.13		
Nursery School Contribution	1,140.00		
Other Organizations	279.00		
Dividends & Interest	82.50		
Miscellaneous Income	146.14		
Transfer from General Fund	1,600.00		
Total Available		2,944.51	
Expenses (including insurance paid in advance)		3,186.72	
Balance 12-31-52			-242.21
BUILDING FUND (Balance)			
Surplus from 1949	207.13		
Surplus from 1950	447.13		
Surplus from 1951	26.59		
Surplus from 1952	55.86		
Kirk Fund for 1953 thru 1958	259.00		
Clark Fund for 1953 thru 1958	600.00		
Balance 12-31-52			1,595.71
PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE			
Balance 1-1-52	-176.09		
Contributions	14.18		
Transfer from General Fund	200.00		
Total Available		38.09	
Expenses		58.60	
Balance 12-31-52			-20.51
MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS (Investment Committee)			
"Edgerton Fund"	114.21		
"Seth L. & Minnie J. Gilbert Fund"	274.67		
"Wittko Fund"	1,000.00		
Total Available		1,388.88	
Invested Nat'l. Dairy Prod's. stock		1,161.23	
Balance 12-31-52			227.65
1952 LOAN FUND			
Balance 12-31-52			500.00
BANK BALANCE 12-31-52			2,953.49
Checking Account	920.91		
Savings Account	2,032.58		
			2,953.49

Thomas R. Bodine
Treasurer Pro-tem

Graham Leonard reported that the government had decided not to prosecute his case.

Patricia Ritter recommended that the Program Committee be chosen in the spring to carry the program from September to June. The Adult Education Committee also expressed a preference for that arrangement. The Nominating Committee is asked to bring in a concrete proposal next meeting.

Laurence Barber expressed concern for the First Day dinners, recommending that members of the Meeting as a whole should become sensitive to the amount of work involved, and every effort be made to make them a truly cooperative venture.

Peace and Service Committee hopes to have a meeting soon.

The Sewing Committee sent 12 parcels weighing 185 pounds to Springfield on October 25th. The next meetings of the Sewing Committee will be held on November 17 and December 1 and 15. The Wethersfield Veterans of Foreign Wars have offered to collect clothing for the Sewing Committee. Help is needed in repairing shoes, in sewing, and mending, and in washing clothes. The Sewing Committee requested permission to leave bags in the process of being packed in the Library. The Meeting approved.

The Program Committee reported that George Bliss will be the speaker in January.

The Plant Junior High Y Team of 9th grade girls wishes the use of the building, which is granted, conditional on their remaining considerate of Meeting property.

Young Friends met on October 18 and November 8, with 5 to 6 attending for dinner, worship, and discussions on the search for spiritual resources. The next meeting will be November 15 at 6, with Jean Fairfax; one will be held on November 20 in New Haven, and on December 6 and 20 in Hartford.

Representatives Thomas Bodine and Edith Clapp attended Quarterly Meeting in Springfield.

After a period of silence, the Meeting closed, planning to come together again on December 10, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

December 10, 1953

After a few moments of silence, the Sewing Committee reported that 17 duffle bags containing 542 pounds of clothing had been taken to Springfield by the Clarks and by the Barbers. The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company placed large containers for receiving donations of clothing for the AFSC in their lobby on two days before Christmas. The next meetings of the Sewing Committee will be on December 15 and on January 5, 1954.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Because of the confusion regarding the Library Committee's request for the handling of the contributions made to the library, the chairman of the Library Committee was asked to meet with the Treasurer to work out a plan for next year. The minutes were approved.

Ministry and Council recommended that the meeting accept Martha Ann Clark as a member, requesting that a continued attempt be made to secure a transfer from the Milford, N. Y., Meeting, providing their records are found. The Meeting approved, and Hannah Cleaver and Alice Jorgensen were asked to call on Martha Ann Clark to welcome her to membership. Francis Helfrick, as chairman of Ministry and Council, reminded members of the Meeting that Ministry and Council's responsibility is not limited to receiving applications for membership, but that they have at times considered the names of constant attenders in the hope of encouraging them to grow toward membership. They also take into account the need of encouraging the spiritual growth of those who are already members.

The Meeting is aware of difficulty in getting the Whitworths here for Sunday Meeting. Recognizing that it has a continuing responsibility to the needs of our members, the Meeting agreed that a schedule should be placed on the Bulletin Board on which members can volunteer to get the Whitworths. Alice Jorgensen agreed to make out a schedule, and Francis Helfrick to act as coordinator for the month of January, until such a time as the new Peace and Service Committee can become organized.

The Finance Committee has met twice, and reported that, with the end of the year approaching, the General Fund of $3,850 (which amount includes the pledge for the Five Years Meeting building fund, until last month a separate item) is still $1116 short, and the Building Fund of $1,000 is $186 short. Letters have been sent to most members and a number of steady attenders. The report was accepted.

The Adult Education Committee reported that the discussion group is continuing the study of the discipline. Due to the difficulty in securing people to lead the group, Theodore Paullin intends to continue his leadership the rest of the month.

The First Day School committee reported that the Christmas program will be held on December 20. Parents and members of the adult discussion group will be welcome to the program at ten in the morning. A Christmas dinner will be served and will be followed by a family program just for fun.

Appreciation was expressed to Bob Ertle for taking the older children to the Wadsworth Atheneum. The Junior Discussion Group met for dinner and attended Emmanuel Synagogue.

Young Friends shared with the Meeting their concern for C.O.'s working in Connecticut. Tom Taylor read a letter which Young Friends had sent to each of them, extending greetings and inviting them to meet with us. The Meeting was united in its approval of this action by the Young Friends.

Thomas Bodine reported that he has visited, or will have visited soon, meetings in Woonsocket, R. I., Washington, D.C., New Orleans, La., Salesbury, Pa., New York City, Cambridge, Mass. and Providence, R.I.

Peace and Service Committee reported that it had contributed $25 toward the expenses of the Quarterly Meeting legal fund for Conscientious Objectors, and has made gifts of up to $25 to the Sewing Committee for repairing shoes, $15 to the CCCO in Philadelphia and made $50 available toward the expenses of legal counsel for a member of this Meeting.

Jean Wolff, director of the Social Concerns Committee of Central Baptist Church, is arranging a series of meetings on world problems as a cooperating community project. Hartford Monthly Meeting has been asked to sponsor the series, along with other churches in the community. The Meeting approved.

The Library Committee expressed appreciation for the work done by Marguerite Marsh during Margaret Morrison's absence. Many requests for help in research have come in and Marguerite Marsh will continue to help with this work. Marie Carden has assumed the responsibility of keeping the free material ordered and in place on the shelves, and Eugenia Henry is taking charge of the evening work in the library.

The Meeting was informed that it is being sued for $9,000 by the mother of a Nursery School child who fell in the Nursery School. The Building Inspectors have again given the building a top rating for safety, but recommend a push button arrangement be installed on the doors of the Meeting room and of the basement. Paul Butterworth was asked to investigate this. The Sewing Committee has installed racks and shelves in the Library, and contributions toward their cost should be made to Paul Butterworth. Thanks was expressed to William Clark for the gift of a desk, chair, and hat rack.

Headstones which became loosened and fell have been placed in storage for safe keeping. A record is being kept of their proper location. Attention of the Meeting was called to the fact that the big spruce tree is dying. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the work of the new janitor.

The Meeting also expressed appreciation for the new curtains put up by the Nursery School, and asked the Management Committee to inquire whether or not they should be fireproofed.

The next dinner meeting will be held on January 28, when George Bliss will speak on the various organizations of Friends.

The Use Committee referred to the Meeting a request for permission to use the library for two nights a week for recording textbooks for blind students. The Meeting approved.

Young Friends met in New Haven on December 6 for supper, worship, and discussion. Meetings are scheduled for December 20 and January 10. The Meeting has expressed great appreciation at having an active Young Friends group.

Paul Butterworth reported that about $600 was contributed at the dinner for Raymond Wilson. Hannah Cleaver agreed to write letters of appreciation to Albert Prince, Kenneth Maxwell, Edwin Tuller, J. Chester Smith, Carol DeCou Howard, and Alice Fox. Peace and Service Committee was asked to consider if it would be possible for them to pay for the stenographic work and postage for this dinner.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned, planning to gather again on January 14, 1954

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia L. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING January 14, 1954

Thomas Bodine, Clerk, opened the Meeting with the reading of a statement by Leonard Kenworthy on "The Quaker Meeting for Business," after which there was a period of silence. In the absence of Lucia Barber, Sylvia Helfrick read the minutes of the last meeting. Amendment was made to the effect that efforts should be continued to secure transfer to this Meeting for William Clark. Also noted that the suit against the Meeting is for the sum of ten, not nine thousand dollars, and that it was the mother and not the child who fell.

The Committee on Ministry and Council recommended that Mary Andrews be received into the Meeting. This was approved. Katherine Locke was named to call on Mary Andrews and ask someone to accompany her. The Committee had had a letter from Jean Simons asking that her regular membership be transferred to the Federated Church in Marlborough, New Hampshire, that she be retained as an affiliated member and that the Simons children be kept on as associate members. This was decided possible and approved.

Francis Helfrick asked that any Friends knowing of those who need help or visitation let the Committee know, since it is not always easy to discover need. It was suggested and approved that an announcement of this sort be worded and used in the Bulletin. Annual Report appended.

Katherine Locke read the Treasurer's Report which was then gone over and interpreted in its various aspects. The Clerk pointed out that $800 more had been contributed to the Meeting than the year previous. Meeting House Maintenance had a good year owing to volunteer labor on grounds and little snowfall during last winter. There were certain expenses that will not soon recur, such as resurfacing the driveway and buying extra chairs and new china, but there was also a small dividend from the sale of the metal fence which will not be available again. It was suggested that the financial relationship of the Meeting to the Sunset Foundation be clarified so that future responsibilities of the Meeting to it be understood. This was approved and referred to the Investment Committee. Katherine Locke said that the increased number of steady if small contributions coming in during the year is wholesome and encouraging. The Meeting approved the charging of a discrepancy of $37 to the General Fund, subject to the possibility of the Auditor, George Halford's correction. Treasurer's Report appended.

Theodore Paulin read the report of the Adult Education Committee, which was accepted with a feeling that the discussion group has been a useful and helpful adjunct to the Meeting. Report appended.

Report of the First Day School's yearly activities was read by Jane Burgess. The Committee was congratulated for fine work. Report appended.

CONCERNS. Thomas Bodine introduced Edward Manice of New Haven, Clerk of our Quarterly Meeting, who then told of a concern about Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools in Providence in that they do not have any Negro students. The principals said that there had never been any such applications, but that should there be, the applicants would be considered upon the basis of merit alone. Edward had talked with the principals and some of the teachers of these schools. He felt that the existence of Friends schools in Providence was not widely known and could perhaps be better publicised. The Social Concerns Committee of the New Haven Meeting is planning that announcements be distributed saying that qualified applicants will be accepted regardless of race or religion. It was suggested also that we could concern ourselves about the fact that the percentage of Friends in these schools is extremely low, and publicity might help to increase Friendly attendance. It was thought that Peace and Service Committee bring this matter up for discussion.

Graham Leonard and Thomas Taylor then presented the Young Friend's report. Pleasure was expressed that the Meeting now has such a group, growing and functioning. Report appended.

Alexander Purdy presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was approved with appreciation after amendments or additions as follows: William Clark to be asked if he will serve on the Program Committee and Martha Clark to be asked to work on whatever committee seems suitable. A new Nominating Committee was approved as follows: for one year, Alexander Purdy; for two years, Jeanne Clepper; and for a three-year term, Samuel Burgess. Mabel or Moses Bailey were suggested for the fourth member of the Committee as Alexander Purdy will not be able to give it full time, but will serve in an advisory capacity. Jeanne Clepper was asked to be Convenor of the new Nominating Committee. Report appended.

The Peace and Service Committee's report was read by Sylvia Helfrick in the absence of Frank Gademan, with the list of projects undertaken and the account of money spent. Report appended.

The Library Committee's report was read and approved. It was suggested that the Children's Books be increased with some suitable for the six to ten-year-olds included, and Jane Burgess was asked to assist the Librarian in the purchase of such. Report appended.

Paul Butterworth then read the reports of the Management and Investment Committees, and asked that the Meeting take action on a recommendation that a rack for coats be placed in the hall, since in winter the coat closet is overtaxed. Also, that the Meeting decide what is best to do about the weathering of the Meeting House sign on the lawn. No action was taken. Report appended.

Patricia Ritter read the report of the Program Committee and asked for an expression of opinion about the number of meetings held. The May meeting last year was not well attended; possibly fewer meetings are desirable. After discussion it seemed that regular monthly meetings were desired. George Bliss, Secretary of the

A.F.S.C. will be here on Thursday, January 28, and will speak on relationships between Friends and the Service Committee. Report appended.

The Sewing Committee's impressive report was read by Elizabeth Butterworth. Report appended.

The report of the Ushering Committee was read by Arthur Spencer. It was suggested that this amusing report be printed in the Bulletin. Report appended.

Alice Jorgenson's report as Recorder was read by Katherine Locke, and it was noted that we appear to be growing at the rate of ten per cent yearly. It was pointed out that Middletown Meeting is still a part of Hartford Monthly Meeting. Report appended.

Bette Spencer gave the report of the Use Committee, giving names and number of organizations using the building. A new request for use has come from a young woman running a ballet dancing class for young children. Since this is a commercial undertaking, some discussion was needed. The Hartford School of Music had been turned away previously on the grounds of being profit-making, at least in intent. Interest in the class was felt and a special committee of George Ritter, Bette Spencer, and Frankie Greene was appointed to meet with the young woman to discuss possibilities of cooperation on the project, one suggestion being that a fee be paid her and the group be made cooperative.

Quarterly Meeting will be held on February 7 in New Haven at Dwight Hall. It was announced that Gilbert Kilpack will be there and will speak on Quaker Faith and Practise. The meeting being held at this time will make it possible for young Friends to attend after college examinations.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned, planning to gather again on February 11, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Margaret Morrison, Recording
Clerk pro tem

February 11, 1954

During the introductory silence, Elizabeth Butterworth spoke briefly of the death of Edith Perry, wife of Henry Perry, of Cambridge Meeting.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The budget for the next fiscal year for our Meeting was presented by Paul Butterworth and explained by Paul Cleaver. Thomas Bodine reminded Friends that the budget shows an increase of $400 over last year's. The question was raised whether or not the budget ought to be increased to permit continued support of the work of Elmore Jackson at Quaker House. It was referred to Peace and Service Committee with the recommendation that they see if any

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INTERNATIONAL

January 1954

C O P Y

Fouteen months ago when I agreed to take over the keeping of the books my family looked askance. They were sure that I had taken leave of my senses. As time went on their conviction became stronger and, at times, of my complete withdrawal from the family circle for hours, they would offer to help the so-called checking of accounts. Not only to help but to offer friendly criticismssuch as, ''Why don't you keep your books in ink? It was hard to make them understand that ink was reserved for such correspondence and records as might be necessary with our Uncle Sam and for bank statements and checks and should be used if I ever had the time for the thank- you notes. As for the records it was impossible to make them realize that what mightbe one month miscellaneous/probably would be maintenance, supplies or what have you in the next month. As for special funds, gifts and the many unexpected new projects it would need a Philadelphia lawyer to place it in the proper category. Therefor the books were kept in pencil. As the year wore on there were times when 'I in my kerchief' longed for a long winter nap and figures not 'sugar plums' danced through my head.

Then came the twelfth month with the necessity of proving or justifying the year's juggling and trying to arrive at some sort of a balance. When the adding machine failed to bring balance from chaos it was a wonderful feeling to know that our Clerk could and would take over. the jumble and make some sense from the books. Paul Cleaver as well as Tom B. has been a great tower of strength and I am grateful for their help.

I know that it is customary / to end such a report with 'respectfully, or humbly submitted' or its equivalent but the only phrase that seems at all adequate is,

Bewilderedly yours.

K.E.L. treasurer

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for the Year 1953

GENERAL FUND			
Balance 1-1-53	$ 892.85		
Individual Contributions	3,515.08		
First Day School Collections	36.96		
Contribution Box	113.13		
Total Available		$4,558.02	
Expenses (see Exhibit A)		3,655.69	
Balance 12-31-53			$ 902.33
MEETING HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
Balance 1-1-53	-242.21		
Appropriation from General Fund	1,800.00		
Nursery School Contribution	1,100.00		
Other Organizations	241.50		
Dividends & Interest	158.18		
Non-Recurring Income	256.00		
Miscellaneous Income	36.46		
Total Available		3,349.93	
Expenses (see Exhibit B)		3,165.27	
Balance 12-31-53			184.66
BUILDING FUND			
Balance 1-1-53	736.71		
Individual Contributions	981.04		
Transfer from Kirk Fund	43.00		
Transfer from Clark Fund	100.00		
Special Contribution Cleaver et al	1,000.00		
Total Available		2,860.75	
Paid to Sunset Foundation		2,000.00	
Balance 12-31-53			860.75
PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE			
Balance 1-1-53	-20.51		
Appropriation from General Fund	200.00		
Special Gift for Quaker Program at U.N.	75.00		
Partial repayment Trofimoff Loan	60.00		
Total Available		314.49	
Expenses		260.84	
Balance 12-31-53			53.65
TRUST FUNDS (see Exhibit C)			2,944.88
BALANCE			4,946.27
Checking Account		1,647.86	
Savings Account		2,100.00	
Invested in National Dairy Stock		1,161.23	
			4,909.09
DISCREPANCY			37.18

Katherine E. Locke, Treasurer
Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Exhibit A

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Regular Expenses	Budgeted	Spent
Education Committee	$ 250.00	$ 132.12
Library Committee	100.00	100.00
Serving Committee	50.00	35.00
Peace and Service Committee	200.00	200.00
Program Committee	100.00	70.00
Hospitality Committee	50.00	23.99
Bulletin & Secretarial	150.00	150.00
Meeting House Maintenance	1,800.00	1,800.00
New England Yearly Meeting	600.00	600.00
5 years Meeting Building Fund	95.00	95.00
Advertising in Friends Journals)	115.00	58.28
Miscellaneous)		78.30
Contingency	30.00	33.00
Contributions		
American Friends Service Committee	100.00	100.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50.00	50.00
Friends World Committee & Fellowship Council	50.00	50.00
Pendle Hill	25.00	25.00
Greater Hartford Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Connecticut Council of Churches	25.00	25.00
Hartford Council of Church Women	5.00	5.00
	$3,820.00	$3,655.69

Exhibit B

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT EXPENSES

	Budgeted	Spent
Cleaning Woman	$ 225.00	$ 248.61
Custodian	785.00	649.55
Social Security Tax	35.00	17.28
Gas	600.00	562.65
Insurance	250.00	251.27
Water	15.00	31.32
Telephone	100.00	112.36
Electricity	120.00	180.00
Snow & Grass	500.00	85.00
Outside Help	100.00	—
Equipment & Supplies	230.00	354.12
Repairs	—	129.67
Resurfacing Driveway	—	275.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	28.44
Sinking Fund	240.00	240.00
	$3,300.00	$3,165.27

Non Recurring Income

Special Gift for Serving Racks	$100.00	
Sale of Cemetery Stones	100.00	
Nursery School for Special Insurance Paid in 1952	56.00	
		$256.00

Exhibit C

TRUST FUNDS

Edgerton Fund (income to cemetery maintenance)	$ 114.21
Seth L. & Minnie J. Gilbert Fund (income to cemetery maintenance)	274.67
Peardy Fund (income to cemetery maintenance)	100.00
Wittko Fund (income to Meeting House Maintenance; principal to aid Frank Wittko if needed or for Building Fund or for capital improvements)	1,000.00
1952 Loan Fund (principal available for loan to members of the Meeting; total fund $500, $50 presently on loan)	450.00
Older Neighbors Fund	50.00
Meeting House Maintenance Sinking Fund	240.00
Kirk Fund (principal to be applied to Building Fund at rate of $43 each year from 1954 through 1958)	216.00
Clark Fund (principal to be applied to Building Fund at rate of $100 each year from 1954 through 1958)	500.00
	$2,944.88

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING

Adult Education Committee

Report for 1953

During 1953 the major activity of the Adult Education Committee has been planning the program for the First Day Adult Discussion Group. Attendance at the discussion group has usually been between twenty and thirty, and participation has ~~usually~~ been extensive and often animated. Attenders seem to regard the group as a worthwhile activity of the meeting.

There have been three main themes in the program for the year. During the first two months members of the group led discussions on subjects about which they were individually concerned. From March until the group ceased meeting for the summer each meeting was devoted to the discussion of a chapter from The Quaker Approach to Contemporary Affairs. From September to the present the Book of Discipline of the New England Yearly Meeting has been the basis of discussion. It will probably take about two more months to finish this examination. Leadership for the discussions has been widely shared, with about twenty different individuals having led one or more meetings.

The Committee has met formally on only two occasions during the year. In discussing its field of responsibility it has been aware that every committee of the meeting has adult education as a part of its function, and we have felt unable to develop any new projects in fields which did not already seem adequately covered. There have been a number of suggestions that the committee sponsor more systematic study of the Bible. This might well be a field worth going into in the coming year, but the committee so far has not wanted to go into this field unless we could do so under very competent direction, which will not be available during the next few months.

Theodore Paullin, Chairman

Report of the First Day School

January 14,1954

The First Day School has been meeting at the experimental time of 10:00 - 10:55 AM. There are five classes held by the following teachers: Sylvia Helfrick, Bette Spencer, Jane Burgess, Margarita Marsh, and Bob Ertle.

The attendance has ranged from 20-40, with an average of 30 children.

Budget was $250 - we spent $132.12 - Only one sitter often. Not required [illegible] Have [illegible]

We have a voluntary contribution box and weekly contributions average about $1.25. We set aside $5.00 of this to give to a First Day school on the Island of Jamacia.

We are using material from the Five Years Meeting First Day School curriculum and The Friends Joint Committee on Religious Education in Philadelphia, as well as other material the teachers select for thir own approach to the lessons.

The classes are held from 10:00- 10:40, the closing exercises consisting of hymns, a story or often an exerpt from the Journal of George Fox, and a period of silence are conducted by Ellin Paullin.

We had a Christmas program to which we invited the rest of the meeting. It was not elaborate, but was the result of study or thought each class had persued in connection with Christmas. We had a Christmas tree which the children trimnedwith boxes of crayons,later to be sent to the Jamacian First Day School. Carols of several countries were sung by the children.

We have helped in supervising the baby-sitter hired to mind the children up to 8 years old during meeting from 11:oo- 12:00

Lucia Barber has held a discussion group of the older children at her house, later bringing them to meeting at the half hour alternate Sundays. They have studied other religions,having guest speakers sometimes. They had a group supper and later went to the Emmanuel Temple. They also discuss the Quaker approach to their every day lives.

The children in the discussion group have a wide range of ages, and Lucia Barber has done a fine job in keeping their interest and enthusiasm. We feel that the best way we can show our appreciation to her is to be responsible for our children's behavior when the class is not held. It is hoped that those children over 8 years old will not be a problem for the baby sitter and will attend Meeting in the company of their parents when possible.

Jane C. Burgess
First Day School Chairman

14 January 1954

Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends

Young Friends: Annual Report

The Hartford young Friends decided in October 1953 to meet to consider having regular young Friends meetings. At the first meeting young Friends decided to meet twice each month for a supper and worship. They decided to have a program and projects only if concerns should grow out of their meeting for worship.

There has been an average attendence of ten with a growing unity in worship.

Young Friends have come from New Haven, and their visit was returned. Young Friends ~~from~~ in our group include some from Storrs, Mansfield, and Middletown.

Graham Leonard
Thomas T. Taylor, Jr.

1953 Report of the Peace and Service Committee

During the year of 1953 the Peace and Service Committee had access to the sum of $314.49. Of this sum the P. & S. Committee used $260.84 leaving a small balance of $53.65

The breakdown of monies available and spent:

Balance Jan. 1st 1953	$20.51
Special gift Quaker U.N. Book fund	75.00
Repayment Trofimoff loan	60.00
Appropriation from General Fund	200.00
Total Available - - - - - - - - - - - - -	314.49

Repainting Whitworth Apartment	$32.84
Stenographic + Postage Avon Institute	7.00
Thoughts of God to Jamaica, B.W.I.	6.00
Book Fund Quaker U.N. Program	100.00
Quarterly Meeting C.O. Fund	25.00
Contribution to C.C.C.O.	15.00
Legal expenses, C.O. member of meeting	50.00
	260.84

The Peace and Service Committee met several times in 1953 and decided on the following:

1. Work project at the Whitworth apartment
2. Helps at the Avon Institute

3. Send books to Jamaica
4. Contribute to C.O. Fund of Quarterly Meeting
5. Contribute to C.C.C.O. in Philadelphia
6. Contribute to C.O. Fund of Meeting member
7. Help sponsor the film A Time for Greatness.

There were several other projects such as: (1) Helping arrange transportation for members of this meeting.

(2) Alter a man's suit

(3) Help with maint. of meeting grounds etc.

Sincerely Submitted,

Frank J. Gademan
(Com. Chairman)

Report of the Library
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, Jan. 14,1954

Circulation,books and pamphlets	248 units
Sold,pamphlets ...	68
Books catalogued....	88
New purchases	33
Gifts,some of long standing...	55

Free material;no record is kept as yet,but now that Marie Čarden has taken charge of this department,it may seem possible and interesting to keep statistics.We know that it is in the hundreds.

We end the year with $27.00 in our treasury owing inpart to a sum of $12.00 carried over unspent from some years ago. We have $15.00 in our pamphlet fund which is kept on hand in cash and from which pamphlets and free leaflets are purchased without applying to the Meeting Treasurer. The leaflets are often given to us free,but contributions to Friends organizations which publish them are appreciated and we order so many that we feel obligated to make such contributions. We hope to apply the $12.00 sum to needed new furniture. Our pamphlet fund has been added to by small extra contributions from buyers. Our budget this year was spent almost entirely on books,the most important purchase being such volumes as were ready,of the Interpreter's Bible. The greeater number of gifts this year has come from two Friends , Thomas Bodine and Glen Roberts,but many Friends have given us single volumes much appreciated. May we ask Friends to give us their names along with their gifts,as the source of all books goes into the accession record. We always like and appreciate suggestions for new books that we may purchase.

Our policy has been to meet once a week in the evening for work,though sometimes the number of meetings in a month has to be reduced. Edith Clapp also gives worktime ~~during~~ on week days,as chief classifier.Our file of pamphlets,articles and periodicals has much fine material in it now and we hope to see it's use increased,not only by students,but by all those who want small,valuable things to read, less time-demanding than a book.

The chairman would like to thank Eugenia Henry and Virginia Hicks for faithful and regular help and Marguerite Marsh for much work assisting students with research projects. Friends might be interested to know

that the Library chairman attended Meeting in Washington D.C. Christmas week and afterward spent half an hour in their beautiful Library room. It was interesting to find that while they have a fine large collection of books these have never been adequately arranged and the Librarians are now starting to catalog according to a proper system and finding it quite a task. They have many good children's books, kept separately.

The Library this year hopes to acquire a stand on which to put the card catalog. At present we use the lectern which is unsuitable. We also need a standor wall arrangement for the wire pamphlet rack, now hung over a chair. Finaly a rack in which to display Friends magazines. Such a rack of the sort seen in any library reading room, is priced at $95.00 in library supply catalogs otherwise we might have considered buying one. We shall endeavor to use imagination and ingenuity on these problems.

Margaret M. Morrison

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE. VIA [illegible] NOT REQUIRED OTHERWISE

1-14-1954

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE WRITER OF THIS REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING PROPERLY BEGINS WITH THE ADMISSION THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN ON THE JOB ACTIVELY ENOUGH IN RECENT MONTHS TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY BUT THROUGH THE WILLINGNESS OF OTHERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE PAINSTAKING WORK OF LAWRENCE AND LUCIA BARBER AND OF THOSE FRIENDS WHO KEPT THE GROUNDS DURING THE SUMMER AND OF OTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED IN MANY WAYS WE HAVE MANAGED FAIRLY WELL.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF MR. ~~CARNEY~~ KEARNEY, OUR COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL JANITOR, AT LAST SEEMS TO HAVE MADE THINGS GO SMOOTHLY FOR ALL CONCERNED. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR HIS INTEREST, ENERGY AND THOROUGHNESS. AN INSTANCE OF HIS USEFULNESS IS THAT OF THE ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENT IN THE HEATING OF THE MEETING ROOM AND LIBRARY ON FIRST DAY. MR. KEARNEY HEREAFTER IS TO OPEN THE VENTS AND SET THE THERMOSTAT AS HE MAKES HIS LAST PREVIOUS TOUR OF DUTY AND WE SHOULD HAVE A COMFORTABLE AND SETTLED TEMPERATURE ON THE UPPER FLOOR WHEN WE ASSEMBLE.

THERE WILL BE SOME EXTRA FUEL CONSUMPTION BUT THAT MAY BE OFFSET BY THE HIGHER HEAT VALUE OF THE MIXED GAS BEING SUPPLIED SINCE NATURAL GAS WAS ADDED TO THE HARTFORD SYSTEM.

FRIENDS WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW, AS REPORTED LAST MONTH, THAT OUR INSURER HAS MADE A SAFETY INSPECTION OF OUR BUILDING, WHICH WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE WEST HARTFORD BUILDING INSPECTOR AND THE FIRE CHIEF. THE ONLY RECOMMENDATION MADE IS THAT THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF A PANIC BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PLACING OF A QUICK-OPENING DEVICE ON THE PRINCIPAL EXIT DOORS.

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PETER TYCHSEN, OUR BUILDER, IS INVESTIGATING AND WILL REPORT SOON.

THE SEWING COMMITTEE RECENTY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED WITH SHELVES AND RACKS IN THE LIBRARY TO INCREASE THE EASE AND EFFICIENCY OF THE DEVOTED WORKERS.

LARGER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN STORMY WEATHER HAS OVERTAXED OUR COAT CLOSET AND CAUSED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT A LONG, LIGHT RACK, WITH A SHELF FOR HATS ABOVE AND FOR RUBBERS BELOW, BE PLACED AT THE WEST END OF THE UPPER HALL. THERE SHOULD BE APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL IF THE COMMITTEE IS TO ACT ON IT.

CURTAINS RECENTLY MADE FOR THE ACTIVITIES ROOM WINDOWS BY NURSERY SCHOOL MOTHERS ARE ATTRACTIVE AND ARE BEING FLAME-PROOFED TO COMPLY WITH FIRE REGULATIONS.

OUTSIDE THE COMMITTEE NOTES THAT OUR VARNISHED SIGN BY THE ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY HAS BECOME WEATHER-STAINED. WHAT IS THE MEETING'S REACTION TO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE PAINTED AND IF PAINT IS DESIRED WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST COLORS FOR THE POST, BOARD AND LETTERS?

WE CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM THE HEEDLESSNESS AND MINOR VANDALISM OF SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO MORE AND MORE ARE USING OUR NORTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE GATE. SOME EFFORTS ARE TO BE MADE TO REASON WITH THEM THROUGH THEIR PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS, WITH THE PROSPECT OF KEEPING THE GATE LOCKED IN UNFRIENDLY FASHION EXCEPT AT MEETING TIME, IF OUR TROUBLES DO NOT END.

THE GRAVE-STONES IN FRONT ARE LOSING THE CEMENT WHICH HAS BOUND THEM TO THEIR BASES THESE MANY YEARS AND SEVERAL WHICH HAVE FALLEN HAVE BEEN PLACED IN STORAGE FOR SAFEKEEPING, AS WAS REPORTED LAST MONTH. THE MEETING WILL HAVE TO DECIDE IN WHAT MANNER THEY ARE TO BE RE-SET OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

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SNOW HAS COME AGAIN AND IS NOT BEING REMOVED IN OUR PARKING AREA, FOLLOWING THE PRACTICE OF LAST YEAR. ANY WHO ENTER THE DRIVEWAY WILL RISK BEING "SNOW-BOUND" AT THE FOOT OF OUR LITTLE HILL.

RELATIONS WITH THE NURSERY SCHOOL, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND MANAGEMENT ARE HARMONIOUS. GOOD WORK IS BEING DONE BY THESE ~~GOOD~~ ZEALOUS PEOPLE AND WE HAVE REASON TO HAVE SATISFACTION IN OUR FURNISHING THE SETTING FOR THIS WORTHY PROJECT.

IN MAJOR RESPECTS OUR BUILDING SEEMS TO BE FILLING THE NEEDS FOR WHICH IT WAS PLANNED EXCEPT FOR THE "OLDER NEIGHBORS CLUB" FOR WHICH ORGANIZATION IS LACKING AND FOR THE WEST HARTFOR BRANCH LIBRARY WHICH THE TOWN LIBRARY COMMITTEE DECIDED TO GIVE UP. A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER BESIDE FRIENDS ARE MAKING USE OF OUR FACILITIES AND THE BUILDING IS STANDING UP WELL TO THE MODERATELY HEAVY USE BEING MADE OF IT.

FOR THE COMMITTEE.

Paul Butterworth.

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THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

REPORTS THE FOLLOWING AS THE JAN. 1, 1954, STATE OF THE FUNDS IN ITS HANDS, AS SHOWN IN THE MEETINGS RECORDS:

EDGERTON FUND	$114.21
SETH L. & MINNIE J. GILBERT FUND	274.67
NELLIE PEARDY FUND	100.
WITTKO FUND	1000.
	$ 1488.88

(WE UNDERSTAND IT TO BE THE MEETING'S POLICY TO HOLD THE ABOVE FUNDS TO PRODUCE INCOME AVAILABE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GRAVES, THE GROUNDS AND OUR BUILDING, WITH THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT TO USE IN THE DISCRETION OF THE MEETING.)

1952. "LOAN FUND"	$450.

($50 OF THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL OF THIS FUND IS PRESENTLY ON LOAN TO A MEMBER.)

OLDER NEIGHBORS FUND	50.
MEETING HOUSE SINKING FUND	240.
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	$ 2228.88

A PORTION OF THE ABOVE FUNDS HAS BEEN INVESTED IN STOCK OF THE NATIONAL DAIRIES CO. WHICH SINCE OUR PURCHASE HAS ENHANCED IN MARKET VALUE FROM $49. TO $64 A SHARE. THE ORGINAL COST IS REPRESENTED IN THE PRESENT STATEMENT.

Tracy Butterworth
(for the Committee –
and without its approval.)

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Sewing Committee Jan 13th 195[illegible]

A year ago we reported that 1736 lbs. of clothing had been sent to the A.F.S.C. Now we are able to report that 3338 lbs. have gone, during 1953 – just about double. 24 women have met, several attending only once or twice. Ten have come quite regularly. We are averaging around 8 attenders at the present time. It is most encouraging to have a neighbor, non-Friends, members of the Council of Churches, as well as new workers from our Meeting. We have missed Jeannette Purdy & Mabel Bailey very much, but hope they will be back with us next fall.

Donations continue to come from individuals far & wide. This year we have had one truck load from a public school (following which, a talk on Quakers was given at the school assembly) — and 2 truck loads from Insurance Companies.

Our greatest need is for more workers both to mend & to pack. In spite of the increase in volume, we are aware of far greater possibilities, both in letting the community know of our work; and of giving more time, energy, and efficiency in developing the program.

We are grateful for our new frames & for being allowed to use duffle bags, a quicker method than carton boxes. Lately I have had the opportunity of visiting the Ware House in Phila. & hope to carry out more suggestions for "stream lining" the work.

So much for a factual report. Our days to-gether are happy, friendly & of course, very busy. Everyone is helpful, & many offer to do countless extra jobs of washing, mending at home, trips to Springfield with the bags, etc. My gratitude to each worker & to every donor, is very sincere, especially to Alice Fox, the faithful, capable & cheerful co-chairman.

over.

Perhaps we may be so bold as to add to the Psalm "Let the words of my mouth & the meditation of my heart be ~~alway~~ acceptable in Thy sight, Oh Lord, my strength & my redeemer" — add — May the work of our hands, also be an offering, in the Lord's name, for the healing of troubles in the world.

Elizabeth Taylor Butterworth.

REPORT OF THE USHERING COMMITTEE--JAN. 1953-54

Your committee with the help of other honorable Friends carried on the following duties in the past year:

1) met and shook hands at the door of the Meeting House with 5280 attenders, enough if placed back to back would reach a mile

2) shooed out of the library into the meeting room at 10:58 A.M. 1000.5 persons

3) baby sat with 333 children and one dog

4) overheated the meeting room 2 1st days and underheated it 49 1st days

5) took instructions on how to do its job from umpteen persons

6) was told 5 different ways to set the temperature switch and expect to get same results

7) took responsibility, although didn't do it, for smoking up the room twice.

8) invited every attender to dinner and if he didn't bring food told him to bring his friends next time -- without food

9) accepted with many thanks the help and consideration of Paul Butterworth

10) was happy to have been able to serve the Meeting and suggests that the next committee be given the opportunity to follow the dictates of its conscience only.

Respectfully submitted,

(I'm afraid to sign)

Arthur Spencer

USE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1953

There were 19 groups outside of our Meeting which together met in our Meeting House 277 times during the year of 1953. These groups were religious, recreational, educational and hobby groups. They are listed as follows:

Name of Group	No. of times met during 1953
Camera Club	2
Camp Farthest Out	2
Child Study Group	1
Civil Liberties Union	2
Eastern Star	1
Color Slide Club Committee	1
Enjoying Music with Pre-School Children	5
Girl Scout Group	21
League of Women Voters	1
Quaker Lane Nursery School	198
Metropolitan Women's Club	3
Property Ownership Association	1
St.Joseph Alumni Association	1
Storer Club	9
Suburban Women's Club	2
Summer Playgroup	20
Swedish Junior League	1
White Shrine	1
"Y" Team	5
19 Groups	277 Total

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Spencer

Co-Chairman
Use Committee

Hartford Friends Meeting

COMMITTEES - 1954

West Hartford, Conn.

Clerk: Thomas R. Bodine
Secy.to Clerk Hannah Cleaver
Treasurer Katherine Locke
Asst.to Treas. Zora Roberts

Recording Clerk Lucia Barber
Recorder Alice Jorgensen
Auditor George Halford
Nursery School Rep. Florence Greene

MINISTRY & COUNSEL

1 yr. Theodore Banks
Katherine Locke
Jeannette Purdy
2 yrs. Eliz. Butterworth
Francis Helfrick
3 yrs. Laurence Barber
Edith Clapp

ADULT EDUCATION

Theodore Paullin, Chr.
Hannah Cleaver
Harold Collins
William A. Greene
Virginia Hicks
Fritz Semmler

PEACE AND SERVICE

Eliz. Greene, Co-Chr.
Barbara Ellison,Co-Chr.
Laurence Barber
Paul Butterworth
Samuel Burgess
Edith Clapp
Edward Flaccus
Frank Gademan
Florence Greene
George Ritter
James Scherer
Arthur Spencer
Thomas Taylor
Rollin Zane

PROGRAM

Patricia Ritter, Chr.
Allen King
Bernard Wojan
Frances Zane
William Clark

BULLETIN

Jeanne Clepper, Co-Chr.
Marguerite Marsh,Co-Chr.
Joan Herman
Carolyn deC.Howard

USHERING

Graham Leonard, Chr.
Frank Gademan
Russell Jones
William King
Thomas Platt
Arthur Spencer

HOSPITALITY

Alice Fox, Coordinator
Marie Carden
Hannah Cleaver
Lucia Barber
Eliza. Butterworth
Jane Burgess
Florence Greene
Marguerite Lawn
Carol Murphy
Ellen Paullin
Bette Spencer
Ruth Wojan
Frances Zane

MANAGEMENT

Bldgs.: Paul Butterworth,Co-Chr.
& Thomas Harvey, Co-Chr.
Grounds Arthur Spencer

House Mary Andrews
Use Alice Jorgensen
(Feb. & Mch)

FINANCE

P.Butterworth, Chr.
Paul Cleaver
Gerald Greene
Alexander Purdy

INVESTMENT

Paul Cleaver, Chr.
Paul Butterworth
Thomas Harvey

SEWING

Eliz.Butterworth, Co-Chr.
Alice Fox Co-Chr.
Edith Clark
Ruth Kirk

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Jane Burgess, Chr.
Robert Ertl
Sylvia Helfrick
Bernard Wojan
Bette Spencer
Ellen Paullin
Mary Ellen Platt
Ruth Wojan
Marguerite Marsh

LIBRARY

Margaret Morrison, Chr.
Marie Carden
Edith Clapp
Paul Cullen
Eugenia Henry
Virginia Hicks
Marguerite Marsh

HARTFORD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Laurence Barber

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Alice Jorgensen

Submitted by NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Jeanne Clepper, Convenor
Edith Clapp
Samuel Burgess

1-26-54

special need for our help exists.

The Hartford Council of Churches requested that a contribution equal to 1½% of the budget of each participating church be made to them. Since our budget provides an allotment for the Greater Hartford Council of Churches and the Connecticut Council of Churches, the possibility of merging the two gifts was suggested, and Graham Leonard, temporary representative from the Meeting to the Greater Hartford Council of Churches in the absence of Ralph Williams, was asked to see if this would be satisfactory.

The Meeting approved the budget, a copy of which is included at the end of this report.

The Treasurer requested Friends to consider making a suggestion of the probable amount they will contribute to the Meeting this year. The suggestion was made that the auditors send out to each contributor a statement of the amount given, and was referred to the Finance Committee for study.

Ministry and Council, with Francis Helfrick reporting, announced a meeting would be held in Storrs on February 16 to see if a need exists for regular meetings there. The meeting will be held in the home of Laurence Parrish at 8:00 p.m. and Hartford Friends are urged to attend. Several couples in Abington are also holding exploratory meetings.

Martha Elizabeth Wojan, daughter of Bernard and Ruth Wojan, born on January 11, has been recorded as an associate member of our meeting.

Thomas Bodine will receive information of those ill or in trouble, in order to simplify the work of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

The Sewing Committee in the last month packed 925 pounds of clothing in 28 bags and 1 box. At the last meeting on February 3, 14 women attended, 10 remaining for lunch, and packed 489 pounds. The Hartford Dispatch and Warehouse Company is now taking clothing directly to Philadelphia for the Sewing Committee, with no charge except for insurance. The clerk is asked to write letters of appreciation to this company, and also to Empire Cleaning for the work they have been donating to the Sewing Committee, to Fox's for their gift of clothing, and appreciation was also expressed to Oliver Johnson for the gift of boxes for the Sewing Committee.

Barbara Ellison, reporting for Peace and Service Committee, brought to the Meeting a request from the Greater Hartford Committee to Combat Discrimination in Housing for the meeting to appoint representatives to serve on their committee. This is a project of the NAACP and church and lay organizations. The AFSC is represented on their national board. The purpose of this organization is to make it porrible for members of minority groups to move freely and to purchase their own homes without discriminatory restrictions. The Meeting approved, and George Ritter and Arthur Spencer were named to represent the meeting on this Committee.

The Whitworths' transportation will be arranged by Arthur Spencer, and volunteers are asked to sign the list on the upstairs bulletin board.

Thomas Taylor will assume responsibility for bringing Joan Herman to meeting whenever she is able to attend.

The Viennese couple that have been helped by Frank Gademan in the past are now in need of more help than he can give. Friends who wish to share in this concern are asked to talk with Frank Gademan about it.

The Meeting on civil liberties held on February 4 with Laurence Barber was well attended, and another on the legal aspects of civil liberties, will be held in connection with a supper on February 25.

Peace and Service Committee has made inqueries about the possibility of bringing another family to this country, but the provisions of the McCarran Act make this extremely difficult.

Plans for a United Nations week end are being made. This will be for members of the Secretariats at the United Nations, to permit them to see life in average American homes, and will probably be held next fall. Florence Greene is in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Paullin reported that the film, "A Time for Greatness," can be purchased for under 50, and suggested the Meeting might like to have a copy available for use in churches and with other groups as a community service. This was referred to the Peace and Service Committee with the suggestion that it would mean members of the Meeting would have to be available to lead the discussion each time the film was used.

A concern has been expressed that information about Friends schools be made available, and the Friends Council on Education will provide a speaker some time this coming fall.

The April meeting of the Civil Liberties Conference at Scattergood, Iowa will consist of about 50 people. Patricia Ritter has been recommended to the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia and Cambridge and the hope is that a possibility may exist for Laurence Barber's name to be presented as a delegate at a later time. A request for a minute of release for Patricia Ritter for the purpose of attending this conference has been requested, and the Meeting approved its preparation.

Margaret Morrison expressed a concern that possibly a need exists in Hartford for some such service as Washington, D.C., Meeting provides, in making persons available for counseling for an hour after each Meeting for Worship. Ministry and Counsel is asked to consider whether or not such a service would be advisable here.

Harold Clapp recently has retired, and Arthur Spencer has written a poem in honor of the occasion. Friends were asked to sign it in token of appreciation for Harold Clapp's many services to the Meeting.

Theodore Banks reported that Middletown wishes to remain an indulged Meeting since its members are mostly members of the Wesleyan faculty and do not feel it would be possible to organize on a more formal basis. Hartford Friends would be most welcome at the Middletown Meeting.

Thomas Bodine welcomed Margaret Clepper to her first Meeting for Business.

Thomas Taylor and Ellen Paullin attended the discussion group at Guilford at John Kaltenback's home.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Yearly Meeting and the Peace Education Committee of the American Friends Service Committee held a conference of about 200 recently in Cambridge. The Peace Committee of the AFSC for New England will hold a conference in Springfield the end of March, on "Living with Differences," with round table discussions.

The Avon Institute will be held from June 13-20, and the Quaker team will probably consist of Clarence Pickett, A. J. Muste, Alexander Purdy, Herrup Freeman, and possibly Ira Reid.

The Young Friends report that 7 from Hartford attended the work camp in New Haven for the three days at Quarterly Meeting time. A work camp is being planned for Hartford, possibly for the week end of April 23-25. Young Friends expressed a concern that our Meetings for Worship should contain deeper spiritual meaning, and Ministry and Counsel are asked to consider ways this problem might be met.

The Library Committee reports gifts from Marian Lowe, Marguerite Marsh, and Graham Leonard. The circulation for the first two weeks in February was twice what it was a year ago.

The Management Committee expressed the hope that members again consider the possibility of volunteering work during the spring and summer to help in the care of our grounds. The sign is to be repainted. The curtains downstairs have been fireproofed. The acquisition of panic-devices for the doors is still under consideration. The Meeting approved temporarily locking the north gate in an attempt to discourage children from crossing the lawns.

The Use Committee recommended that the request of the ballet class to sue the activities room be refused. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting took notice of the appointment of Alexander Purdy as Dean at Hartford Seminary and the clerk was asked to send a letter of congratulation to him in the name of the Meeting.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia L. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

March 11, 1954

After an opening silence, the minutes of the February Meeting were read and approved.

Letters have been sent to the community associates of the Sewing Committee, expressing our thanks for their help, and to Alexander Purdy bearing the greetings of our Meeting on his appointment as Dean of Hartford Theological Seminary. The Meeting received an expression of appreciation from Harold Clapp for our expression of friendship on his retirement.

Graham Leonard, who had been asked to discuss with the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, reported that if we made a donation of $15 to the Connecticut Council of Churches in place of the budgeted $25, and increased our budgeted amount of $25 for the Greater Hartford Council of Churches to $40, this would put us within the ½% and 1½% of our budget which these organizations respectively request each participating church to make to them.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel approved the transfer of Helen Creighton from Scarsdale, N. Y., Meeting. She has already been visited by Edith Clapp; and Margaret Morrison and Katherine Locke are asked to call on her and carry her the welcome of the Meeting.

Attention of the Meeting was called to the inter-visitation program of Young Friends which will be held from May 2-9 for the purpose of permitting a chance for wider acquaintance with other members, of spreading information of Young Friends activities and of their camp, and of seeking some financial aid for their needs. Arrangements for participation of our Meeting are left with our Young Friends.

The Storrs group is now meeting regularly and would appreciate visitation from Hartford Friends.

Ministry and Counsel is planning an open meeting on March 28 for the purpose of discussing counseling needs. Any person with a concern or who has a special interest in this matter is asked to meet with the committee at 7:30 on March 28 at the home of the Butterworths.

Elizabeth Butterworth reported that the next meetings of the Sewing Committee will be held on March 16 and 30, and April 13.

On April 30 and May 1, an AFSC meeting on "Freedom from Fear" will be held in Boston with Milton Maher, W.W. Wilson and I. F. Stone among the participants.

The AFSC Institute at Avon will have Ira Reid on the panel, along with Herrup Freeman, A. J. Muste, and Alexander Purdy. Clarence Pickett will be present; and Olcutt Sanders, Public Relations Director of the AFSC, will be Dean.

The permanent board of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends has appointed Laurence Barber as a delegate to the Scattergood Conference on Civil Liberties. Laurence Barber, and Patricia Ritter, delegates from the New England Regional Office of the AFSC, will visit throughout New England both before and after the conference. The Meeting approved preparation of a minute releasing Laurence Barber to attend this conference, and leaves to Peace and Service Committee or to Finance Committee the problem of helping out on the financial arrangements.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Proposed Budget for 1954

Item	Proposed Budget for 1954	
	$	
Education Committee	250.00	$132.12
Library Committee	100.00	
Sewing Committee	125.00	35.00
Peace and Service Committee	200.00	
Program Committee	100.00	70.00
Hospitality Committee	50.00	33.99
Bulletin and Secretarial Committee	150.00	
Meeting House Maintenance Committee	1,900.00	1800.
Meeting Notices in Friends Journals	60.00	
New England Yearly Meeting	700.00	600.
5-years Meeting Building Fund	125.00	~~25.~~
Miscellaneous	100.00	78.30
Contingency	100.00	33.
American Friends Service Committee	100.00	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50.00	
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00	
Friends World Committee	25.00	
Pendle Hill	25.00	
Greater Hartford Council of Churches	25.00	
Connecticut Council of Churches	25.00	
United Church Women of Gr. Htfd — ~~Women's Church Union~~	5.00	
TOTAL General Fund	$4,240.00	
Building Fund	$1,000.00	

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Maintenance Account 1954

Income

Appropriation from Meeting's General Fund	$1,900.00
Contribution from Nursery School	1,100.00
Contributions from Other Organizations	250.00
Interests and Dividends from Investments	150.00
Miscellaneous and Special Gifts	50.00
	$3,450.00

TOTAL INCOME $3,450.00

Expenses

Cleaning Woman	$ 250.00
Custodian	1,000.00
Social Security Tax	50.00
Gas	650.00
Insurance	250.00
Water	25.00
Telephone	120.00
Electricity	200.00
Care of Grounds	100.00
Waxing Floors, etc.	50.00
Equipment and Supplies	300.00
Repairs	125.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Sinking Fund	230.00
	$3,450.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $3,450.00

Thomas Taylor has made visits to Mt. Holyoke and Smith Colleges in an attempt to arounse interest in Young Friends' work.

On February 20, the Burgesses visited Providence Meeting. Joan Herman was able to attend prt of the all day meeting of Young Friends on February 28.

Ellen Paullin and Patricia Ritter went to the Executive Board Meeting of the AFSC in Cambridge on civil liberties.

Margaret Morrison has requested that she be relieved for the next 6 to 8 months of the responsibility for arranging the flowers.

Concern was expressed that every attempt be made to make sure that the letters from Moses and Mabel Bailey receive as wide a reading as possible.

Graham Leonard expressed concern that help should be provided for those convicts who have been helping him in his teaching at State Prison and asked Friends to consider whether or not they could be of aid. Elizabeth Butterworth recommended that such cases are best handled through existing agencies.

A general policy has been set up by the Meeting that when unknown persons make requests for money at awkward times, the feeling in general has been that under most legitimate circumstances, the time factor can ordinarily be found to be expandable. This policy was formulated because of two attempts, on the Saturday evening of long week ends, of unknown individuals to secure funds from Meeting members to meet so-called emergencies.

Theodore Paullin, for the Adult Education Committee, reported that the study of the Book of Discipline has been completed. On March 14, Patricia Ritter will discuss civil liberties and the individual. On the first Sunday in April, Barbara Grant who is going to work in West Africa, will discuss the problems there. The Meeting felt it would prefer to have a talk by Russell Johnson given on Easter Sunday afternoon rather than at the usual time of ten o'clock, and approved the suggestion that the morning adult discussion group be canceled on April 18, that a catered lunch be held at 12:30, and First Day School and Russell Johnson's talk on his experiences in Sweden be held at 1:30. Preparations are left to members of the Adult Discussion Group and to the Hospitality Committee.

Any persons having concerns which they would like to have discussed by the Adult Education group are asked to speak to Theodore Paullin about them.

The clerk announced plans for simplifying our next meeting for Business in order to allow time for general discussion of the Ministry and Counsel's report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. After discussion, it was decided to hold an additional session of our Meeting for Business on April 15 in order to allow for any report which Patricia Ritter and Laurence Barber might make following the Scattergood Conference, so that any appropriate action might be taken at that time.

Patricia Ritter reported for the Program Committee that the dinner meeting on the last Thursday in March would have Cornelius Kruse speaking on his experiences as a member of the Quaker team at the United Nations. On April 29, the speaker will be Leonard Kenworthy of Brooklyn College. It is hoped that the Meeting will be able to have an evening of Square Dancing in May, with Bob Burgess calling.

The general committee of the AFSC, New England Regional Office, will hold its meeting on April 24 in Hartford. Quarterly Meeting will be on April 25. The afternoon session of Quarterly Meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the spiritual condition of Friends within Quarterly Meeting, and Wight Bakke or Cornelius Kruse are suggested as possible leaders. It is recommended the decision be left to the Program Committee.

The Library Committee reported that it has some new children's books.

Paul Butterworth, for the Management Committee, reported that a new hat and coat rack had been contributed by Aaron Cohen and others, and the Meeting requested a note of appreciation be sent to him. The North gate is now locked except from 8:15 to 1:30. The sign is now being repainted. The janitor has requested that the name of the Meeting be placed on our rubbish cans. A volunteer day will be held in April or May. Any Young Friends who might be interested in working up wood for the fireplace for use next winter were invited to speak to Paul Butterworth. Plans for summer care of the grounds are being made. Thomas Taylor offered to assume responsibility for supervision of lawn cutting and grass clipping during the summer.

May 1 has been set for clean-up day if fair; if not, it will be held on May 8.

The question of the amount of contribution suggested for use of the Meeting House was raised, and referred to the Use Committee. Appreciation was expressed for making possible the use of our library for recording for blind students.

The synagogue group which is building at Bishop's Corner has requested use of our building on Friday nights from now through October. The time conflicts on the first Friday of each month with the Storer Club. Concern was expressed that the meeting should not make long term committments which would keep us from making our Meeting House available for community needs.

The Nominating Committee reported that it recommends Ruth Wojan as Chairman of the Use Committee. The Meeting approved.

Young Friends will meet in Storrs on March 12, in Hartford at 5:30 on March 18, in Middletown on April 4, in New Haven for a week end work camp at Farnham Neighborhood Center on April 9-11, and a week end work camp in Hartford on April 24-25 to help with the care of the Meeting House grounds. Hospitality for visiting Young Friends would be appreciated on April 24.

Young Friends expressed concern that pacifism has meaning only when it is centered in God and has expression in action.

The Meeting expressed a concern that supper meetings be kept as inexpensive as possible, with 75¢ for adults and 25¢ for children recommended.

The Ushering Committee's annual report is being printed in both the Friends Intelligencer and in the American Friend.

A letter has been received from Lois Williams expressing appreciation for the Meeting's thoughts at the time of her father's death.

The Bulletin will go out on March 15.

After a brief silence, the Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on April 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

April 8, 1954

After a short silence, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Concern was expressed because of their length and their general inclusiveness. The clerks were asked to consider ways of shortening them, without sacrificing their potential historical interest. The minutes were approved.

Marguerite Marsh expressed concern that no complete file of Bulletins is in existence, and Friends were requested to send her any copies of the Bulletin which they might have in order that a complete file might be assembled.

Marie Carden has offered to type the Minutes into the permanent book.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Treasurer that during the period from January 1 to April 7, 1954, the Meeting had received $1337, of which $974.69 came from 32 people, and paid out $1552.96. Twenty members have made contributions, and ten have signified their intention of doing so. The treasurer would be greatly helped if all members would advise her of their intentions both as to amount and time.

Progress is being made on the preparation of a statement, as proposed by the auditor, George Halford, which would be sent to contributors at the end of the fiscal year giving the amount of their contribution.

Francis Helfric, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, gave their recommendation that the request for transfer of membership be given Barbara Ditmars, who is now attending the Meeting in Stamford, Conn. The Meeting approved.

Mrs. J. Alexander McCurrach, mother of two children in our First Day School, who has been in the hospital for some time, is now at home, and Friends are urged to send her messages or cards.

The concern of the librarians for ways of meeting the needs of those who come to them requesting information or help was discussed at an open meeting of Ministry and Counsel at the home of the Butterworths on March 28, and recommendations were made that in the future the librarians assume the responsibility of finding someone among those attending the Meeting to meet such needs, that the ushers be used to find the person to do the counseling, and that such counseling be done after Meeting in the front of the meeting room. Members are reminded that all should be willing to make themselves available for this service at the request of the librarians. The Meeting approved, with the suggestion that such service be reviewed periodically to make certain that the needs expressed by the librarians are being properly met.

The Sewing Committee will meet on April 13 and 27, and on May 11.

The clerk expressed concern at the report he had received that the Lincoln School in Providence, R. I., had received applications from two qualified Negro girls, and that they had been turned down. He reported a telephone conversation with the headmistress, who assured him that the matter would be "ironed out" at the meeting of the full school committee on May 4. The Meeting feels responsible for expressing to the school their concern that color should not be a consideration for admission to a Quaker school, and recommended that a letter be sent to Alexander Purdy asking whether or not he will be able to attend that school committee meeting and speak to our concern, or failing that, if he feels it would be proper to ask if a delegation from our Peace and Service Committee might be permitted to attend the meeting in the capacity of observers.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that it had been able to help secure a position for Alfred Jolson who has been out of work for some time.

Thomas Bodine, who had been asked to consult with Elmore Jackson over whether or not Hartford Friends could be of service in any way to Quaker House, reported that Quaker House has many empty book shelves, and they would welcome donations of readable books, not necessarily dealing with Quaker ideas. The Meeting approved that those books given to our library which do not fit its limited aims be given to Quaker House. Others wishing to make gifts of books may leave them at the Barbers'. Thomas Bodine has offered to take them to New York.

Ellen and Theodore Paullin, while in Washington, spoke with Robert Ladd, secretary to Richard Nixon, expressing their hope that Mr. Nixon would keep in mind the human factors involved when dealing with Russians.

Thomas Bodine read the report prepared by Ministry and Counsel on the Spiritual Condition of our Meeting. After minor changes, the report was approved, and appreciation was expressed for the care and sensitivity which had gone into its preparation. The Meeting is happy to have this report go to Quarterly Meeting to be presented at the session which will bechaired by Katherine Locke. (Report attached.)

Concern was expressed that ways be found of integrating our children into Meeting so that they will feel increasingly a part of all our activities. Ministry and Counsel is asked to take this concern under advisement. Lucia Barber reported on the activities of the Junior Discussion Group, and expressed great satisfaction at the growth shown by them during the winter.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of Spiritual Condition 1953

The meeting for worship continues to be the mainspring for the spiritual life of the Meeting. It has provided an atmosphere of meditation, it has heard vocal expression of religious experience, and it has nurtured the seeking for truth which is essential to spiritual growth. From it has come comfort, reassurance, and inspiration. The regularity of attendance by some of the membership has contributed to these values and has brought a sense of unity and continuity to the worship. Expression has come, however, from young friends in particular, that the worship does not reach the depths of religious experience that some people seek. Efforts have been made to understand this need and young friends are encouraged to attend and participate as an integral part of the group. In light of the feeling that the worship does not meet the needs of some people, the matter of preparation for the meeting for worship has concerned several of our members. It has been suggested that preparation for worship by individual members may take the form of regular reading of the Bible, Friendly, or other inspirational literature, as well as planned periods of daily meditation, with the hope that the meeting for worship will then be enriched and be more significant. Following further with this same concern for preparedness for worship, Friends need to make sure that their speech and conversation reflect uncritical love of one another. Simplicity of conversation is a Friendly virtue which we should try to encourage.

The First Day luncheons have been held regularly and have been well attended, especially by families with children, and the fellowship which has been felt in the meeting for worship has poured over into this social period. Visitors have been encouraged to join with this group and frequently accept the invitation to eat with us.

The quality of welcome which is given to visitors represents a concern to some members and a satisfactory solution has not been found. Comments occasionally come to us that Hartford Friends have not been friendly to visitors and a number of specific instances have been noted. Many members see each other only on First Days and in the enthusiasm for our talking with each other the visitor may slip away without receiving a friendly greeting. Improvement may come if we make sure that the visitor is welcomed first and do our own visiting afterwards.

The meetings for business have been conducted by the clerk with skill and sensitivity in an atmosphere of worship, and for some members have constituted a spiritual experience. There has been a wholesome sense of unity and good humor, and matters have been discussed with openness and genuine interest for the needs of the whole Meeting.

The adult discussion group has considered the history of Friends and the booklet on Faith and Practice. The attendance has included a large proportion of non-members, some of whom have expressed interest in learning more of the philosophy of Friends. The discussions have been helpful in giving us a knowledge of the historical background and beliefs of Quakerism. Some of our members, however, find the discussions a distracting influence on their preparation for the meeting for worship which follows immediately afterwards. There seems to be little doubt that occasionally the discussion will set the tone of the worship, but some find this a help and not a handicap.

The thoughtful and devoted teaching and supervision of the children in the First Day School is helping to prepare them for participation in the Meeting for Worship. A unique feature of the school has been the presentation over the past two years of the journal of George Fox to the entire school in their 15-minute worship service. This has been done with great skill by Ellen Paullin in a manner which appeals even to the youngest children. They have learned many things about his teachings and his many exciting experiences and have carried home a real appreciation of the meaning of Quakerism to the point where they are sometimes better informed than their parents in family religious discussions.

During the 11-12 hour on First Days the younger children have been supervised by hired baby-sitters, while the older children have gone to a member's house next door where they have discussed the salient features of various current religions under the guidance of Lucia Barber, and they have visited other churches in the community. On alternate First Days these older children are encouraged to attend the latter part of the Meeting for Worship.

Young Friends have been meeting together at regular intervals. At first they met solely for worship, hoping that projects of social concern would grow out of their worship experience.

We have been increasingly aware of the effect on the Meeting for Worship of other activities of the Meeting, and the effect of those activities on the quality of the Meeting for Worship. The joyful fellowship of the Sewing Group clearly adds to the unity of our Meeting, as does the warm, family quality of the First Day luncheons. The library committee's careful attention to the interests of members and visitors has deepened the Meeting for Worship by stimulating greater use of our growing collection of Quaker literature. The monthly news bulletin brings us together and adds to our knowledge of one another. The committee on the use of the meeting house by outside groups has felt the benefit of the spirit of Meeting for Worship in its relations with non-members. There has often been an atmosphere at our montly supper meetings that deepens the friendship among us and helps us to spread the spirit of Quakerism in the community. At the dinner for Raymond Wilson a number of visitors from the wider community commented on the spirit and "feel" of the dinner and of the meeting which followed. A remarkable number of our members are serving the wider community in many different posts. We believe that some of the sense of the Presence of God that we are coming more and more to experience on First Day is beginning to carry over into our other activities. We are encouraged by these beginnings and hope we can see them grow.

The Middletown "Meeting" continues to be a small, somewhat amorphous group, an unorganized offshoot of the Hartford Meeting. It serves the Wesleyan community somewhat better than in former years in that more people have been coming to the meeting for worship (from 10 or 12 up to two dozen), but we have done very little in the way of additional activities. We have had a series of before-meeting speakers on the Friends Conference of Diplomats in

Switzerland, Spanish Mystics, and on the AFSC International Service Seminar program, and we have continued our subscription, for the Middletown Public Library, to the American Friend and The Intelligencer. Though we regret that the meeting is not also a community in itself, we feel deeply the spiritual strength to be drawn from our meeting for worship.

The Meeting approved preparation of a Minute of Greeting to Paris Friends to be sent to Fritz Semmler who is spending the summer in Europe.

Milton Hadley requested that if possible representatives be sent from Hartford to the East Whittier, Calif., Meeting at their conference from May 8 to 10. Because of the distance, this is thought not to be possible.

Mr. Whitworth expressed appreciation of the greetings, gifts, and visits from members of the Meeting on his 80th birthday.

Francis Helfrick was named representative, along with Marie Carden and Glenn Roberts, to Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting approved the small contribution made to the Earlham Choir Group.

Barbara Grant, who was unable to be present for the discussion group on April 4, will be present on April 11. On April 25, Theodore Paullin will lead the discussion on Laurence Parrishes study of disarmament. On April 18, Russell Johnson will speak in the afternoon on his visit with Swedish Friends last summer.

Young Friends attended the Meetings announced at last monthly meeting, and will hold a week end work camp April 9-11 at Farnham Neighborhood House in New Haven, and will spend the week end of April 25 in Hartford.

The Meeting scheduled for April 29 has been cancelled. The May dinner meeting will be a musical evening.

The Library Committee reported that the children are helping prepare the new children's books for circulation.

The Management Committee reported that clean-up day will be held on May 1, with Thomas Taylor in charge. In case of rain, it will be held on May 8.

The Meeting approved preparation of a Minute of Greeting to be given to the Beth El congregation on the occasion of their first service in our Meeting House tomorrow evening.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to Hanna Cleaver for the work involved in preparation of the member list.

Laurence Barber has visited Meetings in Concord, N. H., and the West Branch (Iowa) Friends Church. Bette and Arthur Spencer attended meeting in Montclair, N. J.

Edith Clapp and Alexander Purdy were present at the meetings preparing for the uniting of the two Philadelphia Meetings which will be accomplished this Fall.

The general meeting of the NERO of the AFSC will be held in Hartford on April 24. On May 9, Milton Mayer will speak at First Methodist Church on "War and God."

Bill King has been assigned to work as a CO in McCook Hospital.

After a silence, the Meeting adjourned, to meet again on April 15 to hear and take action if it seems advisable, on the report of the Scattergood Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk
Lucia T. Barber

April 15, 1954

After a period of silence, the meeting was opened, and in the absence of Thomas Bodine, Francis Helfrick was named as clerk.

This meeting was ehld to hear the report of the representatives from this meeting to the conference called by the Friends World Committee with the close cooperation of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee at Scattergood, Iowa, for the purpose of considering Friends' traditional testimonies on civil liberties in the light of the present national situation. Laurence Barber, who was the representative of New England Yearly Meeting, described the background and development of the conference, and Patricia Ritter, who was the representative of the New England Regional Office of the AFSC, read the advices to Friends which were prepared at the Conference.

The Meeting approved a minute of appreciation to Laurence Barber and Patricia Ritter for attending the Scattergood Conference.

After extended discussion the following minute received the approval of the Meeting: The Meeting has heard the statement prepared at the Scattergood Conference, and refers it to Quarterly Meeting, hoping that it may be considered in other Monthly Meetings in preparation for discussion at Yearly Meeting.

After a short silence, the Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Helfrick, Acting Clerk
Lucia T. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

May 13, 1954

Following the opening silence, Margaret Morrison reported that she had just received a telephone call from Paul Butterworth from Buck Hill Falls, in which he sent greetings to the meeting from the Butterworths and Purdys.

The Minutes were read, and after some changes, approved.

Marguerite Marsh expressed a concern that our meetings were not orderly and she recommended that members should be recognized by the clerk before speaking. The Meeting agreed that it would try to improve its manners. The suggestion that reports be submitted in writing prior to meeting was left in the hands of the clerk for further consideration.

The Treasurer's report was presented by the clerk. In the first four months of the year, only $1059 has been contributed against the $4240 budgeted for the General Fund. This represents the gifts of 35 individuals, only 23 of whom were members.

Barbara Ellison, reporting for Peace and Service Committee, recommended that the meeting give approval to the Committe project of bringing a 27-year-old Czeck factory worker to this country. The committee is willing to assume the task of finding sponsor, job, and housing. In view of the Meeting's long continued interest in such projects, and since the name of the young man came to the Committee through the AFSC, the Meeting approved. Other plans of Peace and Service Committee for the coming year include a United Nations week end in November, and a speaker on Quaker schools. The Committee also has available a list of Quaker camps.

The trearurer of the Nursery School reported that in preparing a new booklet for the Nursery School, a need was found for a new picture of the Meeting House. Mary Gregory prepared a pen and ink drawing from a number of photographs, and the Nursery School Board wished to present the original drawing to the Meeting as an expression of gratitude from the Nursery School. The Meeting is happy to be of service to the community through the Nursery School and expressed gratitude with the happy relationship existing this year with the Nursery School staff and parents. The Meeting asked that Florence Greene take a letter to the Quaker Lane Nursery School expressing our thanks. The possibility of using the drawing on the pamphlet now being prepared by Ministry and Counsel was suggested.

First Day School closing exercises will be held at 10 a.m. on May 23. Teachers are needed for next year. The Meeting approved a suggestion that a letter be sent to Robert Ertl congratulating him on his approaching marriage and expressing thanks for his services as a teacher this past year.

The final meeting of the Adult Discussion Group will be held on May 30.

Letters from Young Friends were read expressing the deep satisfaction Young Friends have found in their growing awareness of unity this past year. Thomas Taylor is being married in Abingdon Meeting in Pennsylvania on June 16, and the meeting requested the clerk to prepare a letter of greeting to be sent on that occasion.

The Program Committee reported that the final program of the year, a musical, will be held on May 27, with duets by Virginia Costales and a violist, and by Virginia Costales and Francis Helfrick. A movie, the Toymakers, will be shown. Plans have been made for a Family Day on October 3, a square dance on October 9, and for a meeting toward the end of the month at which speakers will be either the Baileys, or the Elmoe Jacksons, in preparation for the U. N. week end. The Program Committee also recommended that a pilot study group series by tried during the fall. The Meeting agreed, and appreciation was expressed for the work of the Program Committee.

The Library Committee reported that since January 1, 138 units have been circulated and 7 units have been sold. During April, gifts of books were received from Paul Butterworth and Mr. and Mrs. L. Kelsey.

No demands for personal counseling were received during April.

During the work day on May 1, storm windows were taken off and screens put on, grass was cut, the lawns rolled, and 400 pounds of fertilizer were spread. Members having the time and knowledge are asked to assume individually the responsibility for volunteering to Mr. Carney for particular jobs. Those who wish may made financial contributions in place of work contributions. Further concern for this matter is left to the Management Committee.

Since many on the Ushering Committee are not able to attend Meeting for Worship, the Meeting recommended that women be added to that Committee.

The Principal of the Lincoln School has written to the clerk reporting the acceptance of a Negro girl day student, and the encouraging of a second Negro applicant who was a year younger than normal, to reapply next year. The Meeting asked the clerk to write, expressing our satisfaction.

Milton Hadley has written requesting financial support and encouraging participation in the New England Yearly Meeting Camp for those from 10 to 20 years. The Meeting approved a gift of $10 be used either for a scholarship for a member of our Meeting, or for other purposes, plus the possibility of adding an additional amount if a profit is made on the Thursday supper.

Representatives from this Meeting attended Quarterly Meeting. Concern was expressed that only 8 members of our Meeting were present at the Sunday afternoon session. Appreciation was expressed to Katherine Locke for leading that discussion and to Alice Fox for making arrangements for Quarterly Meeting dinner.

The clerk reported that he had written the letters requested at last Monthly Meeting to the Semlers and the Beth El congregation.

Thomas Bodine has attended meeting at Earlham College, the Barbers attended Monthly Meeting at North Weare, N. H., and the Burgesses attended First Day School at the Salesville, R. I. Meeting House, and Meeting for Worship at Middletown.

After a brief silence, Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia L. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

June 10, 1954

After a few moments of silence, the clerk read a letter of introduction and traveling minute for Edward A. Manice from New Haven Monthly Meeting. The clerk was asked to transcribe it properly, and greetings were extended to Edward Manice, clerk of New Haven Monthly Meeting and also of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

Also present was Pauline Hunnicutt from Fairfield Monthly Meeting in Wilton, Connecticut.

The clerk reported that he had written letters requested last Monthly Meeting to Robert Ertle, to Milton Hadley (including $20 for the New England Yearly Meeting Camp at South China, Maine), and to Marion Cole, Headmistress of the Lincoln School regarding the admission of Negroes to Quaker Schools. He also sent a check for $75 to the scholarship fund of the AFSC Institute at Avon. Of this amount, $25 was from Peace and Service Committee, while the rest was from donations at last supper meeting and other gifts.

Francis Helfrick, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, recommended approval of the request of Luman P. and Dorothea Storey Kelsey for transfer of membership from New York Monthly Meeting for themselves, and for their daughter, Sylvia Joan, as an associate member. The Meeting approved, and Edith Clark was asked to call on them, to express our joy and to welcome them to our fellowship. The selection of a second member to make the call was left to Edith Clark.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also recommended that James and Erika Luitweiler be accepted into full membership, and their children, James and Jane as associate members. The Meeting approved, and asked Jane Burgess and a Friend of her choosing to visit the Luitweilers and welcome them into full fellowship of our Meeting.

Approval was also given, on recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, to the request for membership from Wilfred Kersten, and Samuel Burgess was asked to call on him and welcome him to membership, taking with him another Friend of his choice.

On recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, the Meeting approved the transfer of membership of Charles Brashares to Cleveland, Ohio, Monthly Meeting.

John Harsch of Naugatuck, Conn., and Jean Sartorius of Salisbury, Conn. have expressed a desire to be married after the manner of Friends under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting. Ministry and Counsel, having weighed carefully all of the factors, recommended to Monthly Meeting that permission be granted to them, taking into account the somewhat unusual factors involved; namely, that neither John Harsch nor Jean Sartorius are members of the Society of Friends, and that they had not attended Hartford Meetings for Worship prior to making their request. Additional complications resulted from the fact that Hartford holds no July Meeting for business, that thus only a single business meeting would be held between the time of application and the date set for the marriage, and that the bride wished to have the ceremony held in Lakeville, Conn. However, since Jean Sartorius has been associated for some time with various Friends meetings and activities, and since they brought their concern to us on the recommendation of George Selleck of Cambridge, Mass. Monthly Meeting, and since a number of members of the Meeting have to come to know them in recent weeks, the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, acting through its chairman, asked Francis and Sylvia Helfrick and Laurence and Lucia Barber to talk with them at length. This had been done, with the Barbers and the Helfricks all reporting to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that the young couple was prepared spiritually and physically for a marriage after the manner of Friends. In view of what this marriage will mean to John Harsch and Jean Sartorius, Ministry and Counsel recommended to the Meeting that the Barbers and the Helfricks be considered to have acted as a Committee on Clearance and that the Monthly Meeting at its June Meeting for

Business accept their report as a report of a Committee on Clearance. The Meeting approved accepting the Barbers' and Helfricks' report as a report of a Committee on Clearance.

The Meeting then considered whether it was ready to oversee the marriage of this couple after the manner of Friends. The Meeting recognized the serious nature of its responsibilities, for the maintenance of the traditions of Friends, and for its relationship to the young couple who wish to be married. At the same time, it was not unmindful of the opportunity the marriage would provide for the growth and apiritual cohesiveness of our Meeting. The Meeting approved the marriage and asked Laurence Barber to consult with the parents of both young people to see if they are easy in their minds at the prospect of the wedding plans, and to extend to both sets of parents an invitation to meet us and to worship with us. The Meeting approved that the clerk be asked to serve as the clerk of a commettee of two men Friends and two women Friends to oversee the marriage. It asked that Francis Helfrick serve on the committee, leaving to Ministry and Counsel the naming of the others.

Between September of 1953 and June of 1954, 33 persons participated in the work of the Sewing Committee, with an average attendance of 8 or 9. During that period, 3947 pounds of clothing were sent to Philadelphia. Appreciation was expressed to all workers and donors. The AFSC expended $80,000 last year to take clothing from the warehouses to the docks, and would welcome a contribution of 10¢ a pound to meet this expense.

Elizabeth Greene, co-chairman for Peace and Service Committee, read a letter of greeting which she had sent to the young Czeck refugee who is being brought to the United States by our Meeting.

Wilfred Kersten, Arthur Spencer, and Garnette Johnson have volunteered to act as drivers for the first Sunday at Avon, and Samuel Burgess volunteered to help at Avon. The tea will be prepared by Bette Spencer.

Samuel Burgess asked concerned friends to visit with Joan Harmon who is facing a difficult period and needs the support of members of our Meeting.

Paul Butterworth commented briefly on the religious significance of the West Hartford Centennial and suggested that a digest of material in "The West Hartford Story" be placed in the Bulletin.

Marguerite arsh suggested that notices of our meetings be printed so that they may be put on college bulletin boards.

Wendell Clepper extended congratulations to Thomas Bodine on having been appointed to the Hartford Housing Authority, and pointed out that he had taken an affirmation to the post rather than being sworn.

Graham Leonard reported that in applying for a passport renewal, he had submitted a statement more in keeping with Friends testimony than the one printed on the application, and that he received his renewal without difficulty. It was suggested that his statement be placed in the Bulletin so that others might have it available in similar circumstances.

Edward Manice expressed concern for a need for intervisitation. Graham Leonard has attended Meeting for Worship in New Haven. Arthur and Bette Spencer attended meeting in Rochester, N. Y.

Paul and Libby Butterworth visited with the Robert Walkers and with the George Shaws on their recent trip, and Paul Butterworth attended meeting at Chester Hill, Ohio. Garnette Johnson attended meeting in Palm Beach, Florida, and the Burgesses have attended meeting in Providence, R. I.

First Day School Committee reported that eight new attenders had come during the past year, bringing attendance to 45. Out of a budget of $225, $84.76 has been spent.

Some young Friends are planning to attend Thomas Taylor's wedding.

The Nursery School, in accordance with its constitution, has nominated as chairman of admissions, and has submitted to this Meeting for approval, the name of Mrs. Richard P. Smith of Hillsboro Drive. The Meeting approved.

The Library Committee reported a gift of $5 from the Girl Scouts, and two books have been received from Katherine Locke.

Appreciation was expressed to Ruth Wojan for her work as chairman of the Use Committee.

Laurence Barber expressed concern for the way the Meeting House has been left on First Days. The Meeting is urged to lay upon itself a concern for the necessity of checking windows, doors, etc. before leaving the building.

The Management Committee renewed its request for volunteers to help care for the grounds during the summer.

Because of the heavy participation of our members in the Avon Institute, no fellowship luncheon will be held on either June 13 or June 20.

Appreciation is expressed to William and Edith Clark for their hospitality in inviting us to hold this meeting in their home.

The Meeting approved preparation of a letter of greeting to be sent to two attenders of our Meeting, Ruth Salter and Aubrey Oberman who are being married this summer, and Arthur and Bette Spencer have been asked to help the clerk with the letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Lucia F. Barber
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

September 9, 1954

The Meetingopened with a period of silence. In the absence of Lucia Barber, the Meeting approved acceptance of Margaret Morrison as Recording Clerk until the new year. The June minutes were read and approved.

Thomas Bodine was asked to report on the wedding of John Harsch and Jean Sartorius which took place in July under the care of this Meeting. He said that he had been impressed with a real sense of worship and by the reverence of all present. Letters from the young couple and their parents have been received and were read, thank-us for the gift of a Bible and expressing their satisfaction with the manner of the wedding. It is felt that the brief statement made by the Clerk immediately preceding, helped to make clear to those not Friends, the order and way of a Meeting for Marriage.

Katherine Locke as treasurer reported that only $1530.45 has as yet been received toward our budget of $4240, together with a special gift of $200.30. She reported the various committees all within their budgets for this time of year with the exception of the Library Committee which has purchased an unusually large number of books this year, including those for children. The Meeting approved that the Library be allowed the use of $35 extra to go until the new year, perhaps to come from First Day School money not yet used, since about that much has been spent by the Library on the children's books.

The chairman of Ministry and Counsel reminded us of the importance to the life of the Meeting of visiting each other.

Several members spoke of large attendance and many visiters during the summer's Meetings for Worship, and of how good have been the Meetings. Newcomers have commented on the benefit they have felt in being with us, a thing we are happy to record. Two vacancies on the Committee for Ministry and Counsel will be filled for the present by Theodore Paullin and Ralph Williams.

The Meeting approved a request from Ethel Halford that she be reinstated as a member. Katherine Locke and Marguerite Marsh were asked to call soon and welcome her. A long discussion was entered upon concerning the procedure for accepting people into membership. Several persons felt that if the Meeting as a whole were asked to approve membership, the Meeting, or as many as possible, should be given the opportunity of knowing the individual concerned, personally. Therefore perhaps, names should be brought up at one Meeting for Business and passed upon the following month. The discussion brought out that the Committee on Ministry and Counsel has a real responsibility for the spiritual life of the Meeting as a whole and has to do something the whole Meeting really cannot do. In the case of a request for membership, it is more than merely getting acquainted - a deep desire to understand views and attitudes should be theirs. But no one who has come to the point of requesting membership should be subjected to the feeling of being tested for a month before being accepted. When Ministry and Counsel brings in a name to the Meeting it is not the person but the action of the Committee that is to be approved, so that all may know who are the new members. It is to be noted that the Committee tries always to make use of those who have acquaintance with applicants in asking advice. This discussion was held over for another time.

The Sewing Committee will neet again for the first time September 21.

The Clerk read a letter from Elmore Jackson in charge of Quaker House in New York, saying that their new need is for books on the religious backgrounds of the many of different faiths who come there, so that the Quaker workers would know better "where to take hold." Last year we sent them $100 for Quaker books. The Meeting asked the Peace and Service Committee to explore the possibilities of making a similar grant this year for books on other faiths. This committee has possible funds available. The sense of the Meeting was that this was a very worth while project.

Joan Herman was reported to be much happier at New Britain Memorial Hospital, which is under new management. A Friend has shown special concern and help for her during the summer. A Committee was suggested to take up work with and for our teen-agers, and the Nominating Committee agreed to work on it. It was reported that the Sunset Foundation would provide money for a movie projector with sound track, to be used by the membership for a fee. The project was suggested partly by the fact that Leon Yager is to give a course of lectures here and would use the projector at a fee. It was decided that a committee composed of Leon Yager and one or two others - Meeting members - be appointed to take charge of the projector and its use. A feeling was expressed that the Sunset Foundation's funds be thought of as a rotating fund to be used for many purposes, and that we should think of this as something to be paid for through the fees collected from the use of the machine.

A request has come to us from Dr. Kemler of Temple Beth-El asking if the Jewish Festival of the Tabernacles might be clebrated on our grounds. This entails the building of a small hut out of doors. The Meeting accepted in principle the idea of cooperation with the Congregation on this matter and asked the Management Committee to explore the details with the hope that it will work out.

The First Day School met on October 3. After some discussion the Meeting agreed to try the plan of having all children of all ages come to Meeting for Worship one First Day monthly, Meeting to be slightly shortened. It was pointed out that Swarthmore Meeting has this custom, but prepares with some care by having regular periods of silent worship for their children in First Day School. Family Sunday, September 19, is to be the first trial of the plan.

The program for October is not yet definite. A New England Yearly Meeting one-day institute was announced for November. As we expect to be busy the first week of November with United Nations guests, it was approved that we suggest a November 14 date and that we invite the institute here.

The morning adult education discussion group will begin on October 3.

The Library Committee reported a good summer with excellent circulation. Edith Clapp is greatly missed. One valued member has resigned but two more have joined. A number of good new books for young people have been purchased. We need a stand of some sort for periodicals.

The Management Committee told us that we are liable to be arrested if we do not turn on the EXIT lights whenever there are more than a few people in the building.

A message came to us from Graham Leonard, thanking those who had helped him at the time of his Draft Board hearings recently. His status being still uncertain, he will continue with his plan to study at Syracuse University, and he asked if the Meeting would give him a letter to the Syracuse Meeting. This was approved.

An Annual Fall Conference on Missions was announced, to be held in Providence September 14 and 15. Marguerite Marsh will attend to represent out Meeting.

The Meeting was adjorned after a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk
Margaret D. Morrison
Margaret Morrison, Recording
Clerk pro tem

October 14, 1954

After a few moments of silence, the clerk opened the Meeting for business. Jean Clepper was appointed recording clerk pro tem. The minutes for the previous meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

We were reminded that fire laws require us to turn on the EXIT lights over the doorways whenever any number of people are gathered in the Meeting House at night.

The Treasurer gave a brief report, pointing out that we still have a long way to go to meet our budget for 1954.

General Fund Budget	$4240
Contributions to October 11	2596.47
Need to raise	$1643.53
Building Fund Budget	$1000
Contributions to October 11	524.79
Need to raise	$ 475.21

Contributions have come from 44 members or families, and 23 attenders.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Frederick Hung, who has attended our Meeting for some time. This was approved by the Meeting. Since he has now gone to Oxford, Ohio, to teach in a girls school there, it was recommended he be welcomed to membership by a letter from our clerk. Tom Bodine said he planned to travel in that section soon and would try to visit Frederick Hung and see if he was able to attend any Meeting near him, to which he may wish to transfer his membership later. The application for membership of Arthur and Margaret (Bette) Spencer was recommended by the Committee and warmly approved by the Meeting. Bernard and Ruth Wojan will visit to welcome them to membership. The application of Marian Jessel, recommended by the Committee, was clearly approved by the Meeting, and James and Erica Luitweiler chosen to make the welcoming visit. Ernest and Ida Stabler were also warmly approved for membership and their children for associate membership. Mable Bailey will visit and ask Marian Cortland or some other Middletown Friend to go with her. Two families asked for transfer of membership from our Meeting to Meetings nearer their present residence. Franklin and Ruth Satterthwaite asked to transfer to Cambridge Meeting, and Jean Simons and her children to the First Friends Church of Pasadena, California.

The Meeting approved these transfers and asked the clerk to see that the necessary letters were written.

The Sewing Committee reported that the next meeting would be October 19 and urged recruitment of more workers from Friends and their friends.

For Peace and Service Committee, Elizabeth Greene reported that it will not be possible to carry out plans for a United Nations week-end this fall. During the General Assembly sessions, U. N. personnel are required to be in New York. It was the sense of the Meeting that we were glad to stand by until U. N. staff are free to come, and that it be left to Elizabeth Greene to resume planning in the spring. Concerning our Czech friend, Elizabeth Greene reported that things are not yet ready for him to journey here, but his papers are now in order and approval of his employment is the next step. We were reminded of the Institute on Nov. 14, at which we will be hosts and committee chairmen of the Yearly Meeting will plan the program. Peace and Service welcomes any concerns of the Meeting for projects they might undertake.

The plan for having our older children attend Meeting for Worship was brought forward with feeling expressed that we would like to follow up the successful meeting on Family Day in September. It was agreed that we would designate the last Sunday of each month for encouraging family attendance. Whether nursery school or younger children should attend and for how long was left to the discretion of their parents. We were encouraged to use the forward benches especially on this day in order to leave space in the rear for families with young children. It was suggested that First Day School see if a child representing each of the three or four older classes could be chosen to sit on the facing benches with his parent or parents.

Ellen Paullin expressed concern that we affiliate with Friends General Conference as Cambridge Meeting has, to promote the getting together of different branches of Friends. Ministry and Council is to study this.

The Nominating Committee asked the Meeting's approval for a plan to name in December the committee chairmen to serve from June 1955 to June 1956 for First Day School, Adult Education, Program Committees, and the new committee for the high school age. This was approved and it was suggested that Nominating Committee consider whether committee chairmen for Use Committee and possibly some others might well be named for a similar term of office.

The question was raised as to whether we wished an overall Christian Education Committee under which Adult Education, First Day School, and other educational committees might be sub-committees. Nominating Committee agreed to take this under advisement.

The Meeting approved the following to fill temporary vacancies: Glenn Roberts as chairman of ushers, Zora Roberts as housekeeper, Marian Jessel as Library Committee Chairman.

First Day School announced teachers for this year. Marguerite Marsh has the oldest group and is assisted by Katrina Schaefer. The other classes are taught by Virginia Hicks, Erica Luitweiler, Elsa Cullen and Jane Burgess. Lisa Schaefer plays the piano. Ellen Paullin heads closing exercises and is using the Journal of John Woolman as her project. Garnett Johnson leads the older children in the 11-12 hour and they have been mending and sorting to assist the Sewing Committee. Other leaders to help Garnett Johnson would be welcome. The classes are "bursting at the seams."

The same problem faces Adult Education where recently 35 attenders could hardly squeeze into the library. They are presently making an intensive study of the Sermon on the Mount. The chairman of this committee is to get together with the Management Committee Chairman to see if other seating can be arranged.

The Program Committee reported that at the coming supper meeting on October 28, Alexander Purdy will speak on his experience at the meeting of the World Council of Churches at Evanston. At the Institute on Nov. 14, it is hoped Esther Rhodes and Ruth White can speak on Missions, and other committees will present programs on peace and social concerns. Quarterly Meeting will be at Greenfield on Oct. 24. The Meeting named as representatives Tom Bodine, Patricia Ritter and Virginia Hicks and asked the Clerk to name others. On Oct. 26 the Storrs group will hold a discussion meeting on the United Nations to be led by Lawrence Parrish.

Management Committee reported that the Beth-El Congregation has outgrown our building and will begin holding their meetings in the Bugbee School. There will be a work day on Oct. 23 to help clear away a fallen tree and to do other clean-up jobs at the "Greene House" back of the Meeting House. Several volunteers were asked for this and ladies were encouraged to be present.

Minutes of New England Yearly Meeting are available in the Library and Friends are urged to pick up their copies promptly. There is one marked copy for each family.

Marguerite Marsh gave an enthusiastic report on the Annual Fall Conference of the New York and New England Yearly Meetings where the subject this year was "Meeting Total Need with Total Concern."

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

November 11, 1954

After a few moments of silence, the minutes of the October 14 meeting prepared by Jeanne Clepper, secretary pro tem. were read by the Clerk in the absence of Margaret Morrison and approved. Marie Carden was appointed secretary pro tem. of this meeting. The Clerk reported that the letters he had been asked to write have been written; that neither Patricia Ritter nor Virginia Hicks were able to go to the Quarterly Meeting and Frank Gademan went with Tom Bodine. Neither Esther Rhodes nor Ruth White will be able to attend the November 14 meeting.

In the absence of Katherine Locke, Paul Butterworth gave the treasurer's report as of November 1, as follows: Contributions $2482.95; box $169.68; First Day School $20.59: Total $2673.22, leaving a balance to be raised to meet the $4240 budget requirements of $1566.78.

Toward the building account of $1000, $621.79 has been contributed by 45 members and 17 attenders leaving $378.21 to be raised. As a result of letters sent out, $120 has been received toward the budget since November 1.

For the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, Francis Helfrick reported that Daisy Thomas has asked to be transferred to this meeting from the Chestnut Hill Meeting in Philadelphia and that Elizabeth S. Hicks and Virginia G. Hicks, formerly of the Blue Hills Baptist Church have asked to join the Meeting. The Meeting accepted the recommendation of the committee and suggested that Virginia Costales and Ida Stabler call on Daisy Thomas and Alice Jorgensen and Frances Lane call on Elizabeth and Virginia Hicks. The announcement was made that Marilyn Clare Spencer has become an associate member. Since Tom Bodine was unable to see Frederick Hung as he had hoped to, he wrote him and received a reply which he read to the meeting. There was no report from Ministry and Counsel on the concern of Ellen Paullin that had been expressed in the October 14 meeting.

For the Sewing Committee Libby Butterworth reported that there been good attendance at the sewing meetings and that there is a steady increase in donations. There will be a meeting on Nov. 16. She has received a letter from the New York Sewing Committee asking us to support their work with a cash contribution. Previously she had had a request from Philadelphia for help with shipping costs to destinations, which had been given. After discussion, it was agreed she not make a contribution to New York on the grounds that we support our own similar work.

For the Peace and Service Committee, Tom Bodine reported that the Czech gentleman whom we expected to sponsor, had already been brought into the country by another organization. Instead, therefore, the committee has prepared papers for a Latvian who needs a sponsor.

Tom Bodine then spoke of a concern which, because of his position on the Housing Authority, he is not able to pursue and expressed the hope that some other Friend might undertake it. There are some housing developments of single homes, that are receiving FHA loans and are not permitting Negroes to buy, although the State law requires any private housing development that receives public assistance must receive people regardless of race etc. His suggestion is that some Negro family who is going to be turned out of the Airport Homes, be asked to apply and if they are turned down, their case would be brought before the Civil Rights Commission, with their permission. There was discussion about the acuteness of this problem. Negroes in lower income brackets have had some help in housing by being admitted to public housing projects with whites. Those in the income range of $6000 to $10,000 are not able to buy homes comparable to those of white people in the same economic and social level. The opinion was expressed that one approach to the problem would be for a Friend to go with a Negro family to the administrator of a housing development and try to enlist his help, recognizing that it is a general social problem. This matter was referred to the Peace and Service Committee with the recommendation that it receive early attention.

Bette Spencer announced that she is going to be working on the Greene House this Saturday and help would be appreciated. Since this matter was not familiar to many, Paul Butterworth and George Ritter described the present situation. In order to protect the property of the Meeting, and to make it possible for us to own the Greene House when it seems expedient to do so, he has arranged with the Sunset Foundation who holds the mortgage on the house, that the house be in the name of three trustees, namely Tom Bodine, Arthur Spencer and George Ritter, until such time as the Meeting wishes to take title. The first tenants will be the Glenn Roberts family. General approval was expressed of this long range planning.

For the First Day School Committee, Jane Burgess reported that there will be a speech contest next June on Race Relations. December 19th will be the Christmas program. There will be no adult class that day as all will be invited to attend the children's program. They are planning to give toys to American Indians and are hoping to get David McAllister to speak to the school again.

Although there was no official report for Young Friends, mention was made of the fine dinner party for younger members at the Helfricks with about twenty present. Virginia Hicks will be asked to report on activities of Young Friends at monthly business meeting.

For the Program Committee, Patricia Ritter expressed gratitude to Alexander Purdy for his talk at the last evening meeting. November 14th will be a one-day Yearly Meeting Institute, the program for which has been sent out. Louis Marstaller is coming from Maine. Mabel Bailey will join him in the Mission Group and Helen Burgess will lead Christian Education. There will be no supper meeting in November or December. The question was raised as to the feasibility of changing the supper meeting night from Thursday to Friday occasionally, as it is a problem for people who come from out-of-town and can only come for over the week-end, such as Leonard Kenworthy and Bob Burgess.

It was thought it would be worth making the experiment.

For the Library Committee, Marion Jessell raised the question of borrowing children's books from the West Hartford Library in order to have a larger collection, and arrange to have the children spend 15 minutes or so in the Library each Sunday. It was suggested that the Library Committee first explore the possibility of getting books on loan from the Friends Lending Library of the Five Year's Meeting in Richmond, from the New England Yearly Meeting and from Philadelphia.

For the Management Committee, Paul Butterworth reported that everything is going very smoothly. The cost of taking down three trees involved in the hurricane was about $125. The wood has been cut up and can be used for the fireplace. The janitor is very much on the job and welcomes having the housekeeper nearby. The panic devices ordered by the fire marshall have not yet been put on the doors, but there is no immediate hurry.

Since Tom Bodine will be attending the Quaker House Committee meeting on December 9, Alexander Purdy was asked to act as clerk pro tem.

Plans are being made to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Friends in New England in 1656. The whole Yearly Meeting will have a large committee with each Quarterly Meeting a smaller committee made up of one person from each Monthly Meeting. Sam Burgess was asked to consider acting on this committee, and also acting as historian of this Meeting. There was discussion of the possibility of locating the minutes of the earlier West Hartford Meeting.

Marguerite Marsh passed around the rough draft of a plan of work for young adults who are hospitalized for a long term of years. Joan Herman has dreamed of a special "home" which because of its cost, must be a thing of the future. But now, at New Britain Memorial Hospital, a special plan for education of these young adults could be carried out, if additional funds were available. So the request was brought before the Meeting for permission to set up a fund with the Treasurer of Hartford Meeting as Treasurer, namely, Katherine Locke. After considerable discussion, a committee, consisting of Paul Butterworth, Sam Burgess and Marguerite Marsh was named to continue consideration of plans.

Marguerite Marsh will represent the Meeting at the session on new peace plans which will be held at Holiday Hill in Pauling, N. Y.

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Travelers Insurance Company reporting that the lawsuit against the Meeting has been settled and withdrawn.

The Meeting adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine, Clerk

Marie Carden, Recording Clerk

December 9, 1954

After a few moments of silence the minutes of the Meeting for Business of November 14th were read and approved, Alexander Purdy acting as Clerk pro tem in the absence of Thomas Bodine who was attending a meeting of the New York Quaker House Committee. It was reported that Daisy Thomas whose membership has been transferred here from Chestnut Hill Meeting had been called upon since last meeting.

The Treasurer reported a gratifying response following the Finance Committee letter. The Building Fund is near completion and other funds coming in.

Ministry and Counsel: Ainsworth Minot Greene who recently applied for full membership was recommended by the Committee and accepted into membership. As he is a college student we shall not see much of him but many Friends expressed pleasure in his membership. The Luitweilers will make the welcoming call.

Peace and Service: There was some discussion of the problem of housing for Negroes. It was brought out that many churches now welcome Negro members, some even in the South, but that housing is now the crux of their problems. Further discussion was deferred to a later date. A letter from Marguerite Miel was read, thanking us for the use of the Library in recording for the blind. Another appreciated letter from Michele Greene was read, thanking us for the use of the Meeting House, for a party. Also, a letter from Graham Leonard concerning his next two years as a classified C. O. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has taken this under advisement and will report later.

Nominating Committee: Katherine Locke was appointed to a vacancy for a three year term. It was agreed to ask Mabel Bailey to accept Chairmanship for the coming year as a fourth member, for one year. Sam Burgess was continued until his successor shall be appointed, on account of the family move. These measures will straighten out terms of membership on the committee including Chairmanship. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted with much appreciation for their hard work.

Committee on the Motion Picture Projector: The Committee recommended that the Use Committee take over the use of the machine and that fees be given to the Finance Committee. The machine can be used without the sound track. It was suggested that information about the projector be printed and posted on the bulletin board, this to be in the care of the Use Committee. The report was accepted in principle, the Luitweilers having agreed to act on the Use Committee in regard to the projector including operation and fee, and the Committee was discharged.

George Ritter brought up a request for funds from the Committee on Discrimination in Housing, with which the Meeting has cooperated as one of about twenty other organizations. The request was referred to Peace and Service which had appointed two members to work with this Committee. The Clerk was asked to review the minutes, to see what, if anything, has been set down on the matter of representation on committees other than church and this was referred to Ministry and Counsel for consideration. It was pointed out that naming representatives to other than church organizations is a thing which might have no end. It was also mentioned that Peace and Service should consider our contribution to the Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation, as this year will be a crucial one with the reappearance of bills on Universal Military Training.

Report of the Trustees of the Maplewood Avenue Property: (the former Greene house) Much interior work was done, materials having been procured at very reasonable prices. About $2,000 worth of improvements resulted and appreciation for this work was expressed.

Ellen Paullin brought greetings from Stony Run Meeting and reported that the new Friends Hymnal will be out in the fall and that plans for the Avon Institute are under way. Leadership will be more in Quaker hands than ever before, the title as before, "The Quaker Approach to Contemporary Affairs."

A concern was brought to us about imprisoned C. O. 's to whom we are asked to send Christmas cards with no personal or written message. The list of names will be in the Bulletin.

An interesting report was read to us by Marguerite Marsh concerning the program under consideration for young adults chronically ill or permanently disabled or hospitalized. It was approved that the report be sent to Peace and Service Committee.

First Day School Committee: The children are asked to bring a toy or warm mittens for Indian children in Maine. The same First Day, Dec. 19, there will be a Christmas dinner at the Meeting House for all who wish to come with planned contributions as to menu. There will be entertainment afterwards, amateur talent.

Library Committee: Reports that Marguerite Marsh had brought back an armful of books from Haverford Library including an autographed copy of "Double Search" by Rufus Jones.

Nursery School Liaison: Many calls about whether and where to leave clothing come in to the Nursery School. This matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Management Committee reports that Robert Kearney is in need of a small power floor polisher. Appreciation of his faithful and devoted work was expressed by several Friends.

Ushering Committee: It was suggested that ushers invite people to sit in front benches at Meetings for Worship.

The Meeting adjourned with a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Purdy, Clerk pro tem.
Margaret N. Morrison
Margaret N. Morrison,
Recording Clerk

Jan. 13, 1955

The monthly meeting for January was held Jan. 13, 1955 in the Meeting House. After a period of silent worship the Meeting for Business was opened by the Clerk, Tom Bodine. He explained that while new Committee Chairmen and other officers of the Meeting had been appointed by the last Monthly Meeting, it had seemed best to let outgoing officers wind up their business at this Meeting and then turn over their duties to the new officers.

The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read by Margaret Morrison and after minor corrections were approved by the Meeting.

The report of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for 1954 was presented and is filed. Satisfaction was expressed that we were able to meet expectations on the Building Fund with individual contributions totaling $1055.29, and to end the year with a balance of $2.95 in the general fund and a balance in the maintenance fund. We continue to improve in numbers of Friends and attenders who contribute and spreading of contributions through the year, although we hope to do better still. Great appreciation was expressed for the work of Katherine Locke as Treasurer and of the Finance Committee. The Clerk was asked to send a minute to Carol DeCou Howard expressing warm appreciation of her generous contribution of paper and mimeographing for the Bulletin.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that they are considering further the question of representation of the Meeting in non-religious groups and will report later. They recommended for membership Nathan and Perry Horowitz of Wallingford. The Meeting gladly approved their membership and asked Arthur and Bette Spencer to visit them.

The Committee also recommended for membership Mrs. Gerda Wallach of Litchfield. The Meeting approved her membership and asked Alice Jorgensen and Margaret Morrison to make a welcoming visit.

Sewing Committee made their annual report which is attached, showing 4238½ pounds of clothing sent this year. The Meeting expressed hearty appreciation of the work done by Elizabeth Butterworth and all who have helped her and asked that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to the two commercial firms who have given free cleaning and transportation.

Peace and Service Committee reported that they had considered the problem of negro housing brought up at the last meeting. They can make no immediate suggestions as they feel it is not a matter for hasty action. They plan to do some visiting to acquaint themselves with the problem, and invite help from concerned Friends. They noted that the Friends' Com. for Nat. Legislation is in need of special contributions this year because U. M. T. will again be up for consideration.

Barbara Grant (formerly with F.C.N.L.) is now in Nigeria. She wrote the Committee asking that Friends send magazines with colored pictures.

The Peace and Service Committee suggested that in order to raise funds a covered dish supper be held with food contributed by Friends and $1 a person charged. The Meeting approved and asked the Program Committee to participate in selecting a time.

Concerns

Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford on February 6. Marian Jessel and Arthur Spencer were named to represent the Meeting. Ministry and Counsel were asked to name two of their members as their representatives.

Comment was made on criticism of the fireplace as the focus of our Meeting for worship. It was suggested that something be put in writing for attenders expressing the symbolism of welcome and family feeling that this has for us.

The Friends' World Committee is asking for Friends' opinion as to whether they would like a nation-wide conference on race relations this year like last year's conference on civil liberties. They are also looking forward to a conference to be held in Mid-West U. S. in the summer of 1957 to consider the new responsibilities of these times. Their questionnaire was referred to the Ministry and Counsel.

Question was raised as to whether our Meeting would take a stand on the question of capital punishment. Several cases must be considered by the State Board of Pardon by the 24th of the month. There was strong feeling the Meeting was ready to have a minute drawn up by the Clerk and sent in the name of the Meeting to the State Board. It was also suggested that Peace and Service Committee consider notifying proper Legislative Committees of our wish to change the Connecticut law which permits capital punishment. Gambling legislation was also brought to the attention of Peace and Service.

Committee Reports were not filed at this time by First Day School, Adult Education or Program Committees since they decided it was more appropriate to report in June when their new chairmen go into office.

Program Committee did report that Moses and Mabel Bailey will speak on their year in the Near East at a meeting on Friday, January 28.

The Library Committee report is filed with the Minutes. Warm praise was expressed for the work of the Committee, and it was suggested the Bulletin carry a list of missing books to help Friends who may have overlooked them.

Florence Greene sent a report on liaison with the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery. They have been having budget troubles, finding it hard to meet expenses and pay adequate salaries to keep good staff. They would like more Friends on their board to maintain continuity. Florence Greene was advised to suggest other Friends who might help her.

Report of the Management Committee is attached, also, that of the Use Committee. Appreciation of their work was noted.

The Recorder's report is attached. The Meeting was glad to learn of our growth and noted with pride that we have lost Friends only to other Meetings.

Report of the Bulletine Committee was accepted with great appreciation.

The Meeting expressed warm thanks for the work of Tom Bodine as Clerk during the past three years.

The Meeting was turned over to Margaret Morrison, the new Clerk and closed after a few moments of silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret N. Morrison
Margaret N. Morrison, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

February 10, 1955

After a few moments of silent worship, the Meeting for Business was opened by the Clerk. The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee Chairman presented the proposed budget for the coming year and distributed copies for the consideration of the Meeting. There was some discussion of the item for "Bulletin and Secretarial Committee". Actually the Bulletin Committee has no control over the other secretarial work which other committee chairmen may request. Since it was pointed out that separate accounting for these items would be difficult, it was suggested that the item remain in this form, at least for this year, with the understanding that $25 of this amount be set aside for special Bulletin Committee uses. The amount has been increased from $150 to $250 because we are now offering to pay for envelopes as well as for stamps, and because of our increased membership. Carol DeCou Howard continues her generous contribution to the Meeting of the mimeographing and the paper for this work, which she estimated, in response to our inquiry, as worth about $200.

Discussion followed of other items increased in the proposed budget. The Peace and Service Committee noted that they hoped we might bring over a refugee during the year and it seemed wise to have funds on hand. Because of repayment of a loan they do have a balance on hand now, but they feel that this is proper because of the type of requests that may come to them. Library Committee reported that they had actually spent $147 this year instead of the $100 budgeted, and that they estimated they would need the larger sum of $175 in the coming year. The contribution to the Yearly Meeting is on a per capita basis. Hartford has agreed to give $6 per member. While the average expectation is $5.50, it is thought we are relatively well off and should give a little more.

In discussing the maintenance budget, we noted that our custodian has taken over the waxing of the floors and the work previously done by the cleaning woman.

The Maintenance Committee also wishes to increase Mr. Kearney's hourly wage rate from $1.20 to $1.30 to bring it nearer industrial standards and to show our appreciation of the fine job he does.

In discussing the budget for contributions, question was raised as to whether the $50 contribution to Friends World Committee was in proportion to our interest as related to our other contributions, since this is the only committee to bind Friends together and sustain us as the Society of Friends. It was suggested that the budget for contributions be changed to $75 for the Friends World Committee and $75 for the Friends Com. on Nat. Legislation.

Concerning our contributions, through advertising to the Friends Journals, a suggestion was made that we use part of this money to give subscriptions for these journals to new members with the hope they may wish to continue them after the introductory subscription ends. This was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

The Finance Committee pointed out that the proposed budget is $1000 more than last year, also that they are requesting each member to send in the form at the bottom of the budget showing what he hopes to give and how he will give it. The Meeting expressed approval of this form and also of the proposed budget. In response to an earlier question the Committee reported that the average contribution per member was $29 in 1951 and $25 in 1954 (counting children). A few families did not find the way to make a contribution in 1954. The wish was expressed that every family make some contribution as expression of concern for the life of the Meeting

The Committee for Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Eugenia Henry and Virginia Gunn. The Meeting warmly approved. Edith Clapp was asked to make the welcoming visit to Eugenia Henry and Sam and Jane Burgess to Virginia Gunn.

Peace and Service Committee reported that it had not proved necessary to send the letter to the State Board of Pardons since the Governor had granted a reprieve to the men under sentence of death. The Committee has not yet taken action concerning the law on capital punishment, though they are attempting to get more information about the bills that will come up. The Meeting approved putting in the Bulletin information about these bills. The Committee will write Barbara Grant to learn more about what type magazine she wishes.

Since both Elizabeth Greene and Barbara Ellison must resign from their co-chairmanship of Peace and Service Committee, they will call a meeting of the Committee in an effort to find a new chairman among its members.

The Meeting approved that Tom Bodine reply to the questionnaire of The Friends World Committee concerning the proposed 1957 Conference.

The Program Committee asked that our next Program Meeting be held on Friday the 18th. The speaker will be Isabelle Randolph of the Committee on Education of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk was asked to call together the chairmen of committees in order to re-draft the statement of the duties of our various committees which was drawn up several years ago.

We were reminded of the plan to have each Friend's family visit another family, and that these "pastoral" visits are eagerly awaited.

The Nominating Committee named Ralph Williams to serve as representative to the Greater Hartford Council of Churches and Moses Bailey to the Peace and Service Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret N. Morrison
Jeanne Clepper
Margaret N. Morrison, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

March 10, 1955

After a period of silent worship, the Meeting for Business was opened by the Clerk. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Our Treasurer reported on contributions received this year. Now that two months of the year have past we should have contributed one-sixth of our General Fund budget or $817, and have contributed $761.13, leaving a theoretical deficit of $55.87. For the Building Fund one-sixth of the goal would be $167 and we contributed $132, leaving a theoretical deficit of $35. Only 20 members and one attender have notified the treasurer of what they intend to give.

Ministry and Counsel reported that two of our members are asking to transfer their membership elsewhere. Robert Walker wishes to transfer his membership to the Huron Presbyterian Church near his new home in Huron, Ohio since he wants his family to have active church connections and there is no Quaker Meeting nearby. The Meeting approved and suggested that the clerk send a letter expressing our appreciation of the contribution this family had made to our Meeting. Frederick Hung has written asking to transfer his membership to the new Friends' Meeting at Oxford, Ohio. This was approved by the Meeting.

The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting was read by the chairman of Ministry and Counsel. This will be presented later to the Quarterly Meeting and then at the Yearly Meeting and a copy is filed with the minutes. The report was approved by the Meeting. Among more positive comments, this report expressed a concern for the lack of support given the First Day School by the Meeting and for the way in which the Meeting for Worship has been handled on Family Sunday.

Other Friends at the Meeting expressed a concern over the Family Sunday. This encouragement of attendance by children once a month was planned to introduce our children to our form of worship and the plan was to hold a shortened meeting as better suited to the attention span of children, especially in a silent meeting. After some discussion it was the sense of the Meeting that parents should try to plan so that the experience will be a constructive one for the child. Parents were encouraged to have their children sit with them. There was some discussion of the possibility of holding a special meeting to discuss this matter, perhaps an open meeting of Ministry and Counsel. The Meeting united in a decision to discuss this again at our next meeting for business.

Ministry and Counsel also reported on the Friends' World Committee 1955 Quaker Leadership grants. They anticipate a summer study tour at Pendle Hill or other Quaker centers for two or three weeks. There will be long or short term grants. It was suggested that those interested contact Ministry and Counsel.

Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth brought greetings from Honolulu Friends Meeting and from Salt Lake City Meeting.

The Investment Committee reported that they have bought stock in American Telephone and Telegraph and were asked to get authorization from the Meeting as to who was authorized to buy, vote, and sell these shares. They presented a minute authorizing the Clerk, Treasurer, or Chairman of the Finance Committee to carry out these duties. This was approved by the Meeting. A copy is filed with the minutes.

It was reported that four bills on gambling will be heard in the State Legislature on March 15th. Individuals interested were urged to attend and to write their Senators and Representatives. It was pointed out that the Hartford Council of

Churches and the Connecticut Council could give information about these bills, and that they would not be voted on until some time after the hearing.

Florence Greene reported for Nursery School Liaison. A copy is filed with the minutes. It was pointed out that not many Friends' children are attending the Nursery School now so that we do not have other representation on the Nursery School Board. While they did have some vacancies at the time the report was written, they now have full enrollment.

Florence Greene also introduced the concern that has been expressed in the community for having a Friends' School in this area. Independent schools in this section are not able to meet the demand, especially in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. Those interested in the community have expressed an interest in having a school set up under the care of the Meeting. It is hoped it could be financially independent. A report is being drawn up and will be sent to all members and attenders of our Meeting.

Concerning U. N. Weekend, it was reported that the best available date would appear to be Saturday, October 28.

A letter has been received from Graham Leonard concerning his plans for working in Palestine, and requesting a traveling minute. Action on this was postponed until a later meeting when we might be more clear about his plans.

The Library Committee reported a circulation of 99 items in January, a new record.

The Program Committee reported that plans for the March program were not yet complete but they hope to send our cards shortly.

After a few moments of silent worship the Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret N. Morrison, Clerk
Margaret N. Morrison
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper
April 14, 1955

Following a period of silent worship, the Clerk opened the discussion part of the Meeting. In the absence of the recording clerk, Jeanne Clepper, minutes of the March meeting were read by Wendell Clepper, the appointed recording clerk, and were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer, Arthur Spencer, reported that collections are running ahead of expectancy. However, only 26 member families have thus far contributed, and only 27 member families have thus far designated their financial intentions. According to a policy approved in a previous meeting, members of the Finance Committee will get in touch with those who have not yet replied to the Treasurer's request printed in the Bulletin.

The Sewing Committee chairman, Elizabeth Butterworth, reported that John and Barbara Brainerd of Springfield will no longer be able to serve as the AFSC processing center for their area. They can continue to receive clean and mended clothing from Springfield friends, but the responsibility for packing and sending clothing on to Philadelphia now devolves on our Sewing Committee. Friends who have the time and the use of a truck are needed to transport any Springfield collections here to Hartford. The committee needs additional help.

On April 12, a record 674 pounds of clothing were sorted and packed. Some advertising of the need for clothing abroad is anticipated on Jean Colbert's morning radio hour.

For Management Committee, Paul Butterworth outlined a number of projects for maintaining and improving the property which can be undertaken by a volunteer work crew. The Meeting approved the date of Saturday, May 7, as the time when such a group could gather to work on these projects and do the annual spring chores such as removing storm windows.

For the Peace and Service Committee, Carol Murphy read a minute stating the Committee's intention to keep the Meeting apprized of its activities, and asking permission to take action between meetings under an emergency situation. It was the sense of the Meeting that such occasions would be rare, but that when they did arise, the Chairman would normally want to consult the Clerk and perhaps one or two other Friends, and that any action taken could be in the name of the Committee only.

Looking ahead to the Quarterly Meeting to be held in New Haven April 24, the Meeting appointed Marian Jessel and Erica Luetwhiler as its official representatives. Glenn Roberts is to be in charge of a discussion concerning Ministry and Counsel responsibilities. Virginia Hicks reported that Young Friends will conduct a work camp in New Haven the Friday evening and Saturday preceding Quarterly Meeting.

For the Program Committee, Sam Burgess announced that on Thursday, April 28, the speaker will be Charles Leonard, Director of the Child Study and Treatment Home to be erected in Hamden. The Hospitality Committee will send out cards to announce who would be in charge of preparations.

For the First Day School committee, Jane Burgess reported that Sunday, June 5 would be the date for closing exercises and that all are invited to attend and share in this concluding meeting of the year.

Florence Greene and Garnette Johnson presented the concern of a group of Friends for establishing a Friends' School in this area. A number of parents of children about to enter the seventh grade and others wished to set up an independent school and were hopeful that it could become a Friends' School under the auspices of this Meeting. Financial support outside the Meeting seemed assured and the settlement of other practical problems under way. Garnette Johnson has visited the Philadelphia area to confer with a number of Friends' educators around this situation.

Extensive discussion followed. After considerable heart-searching, it seemed to become clear that along with honoring this concern for a group of children and their parents, and with real recognition for the devotion of the Friends already under the weight of this problem, the Meeting as a whole was not united in moving ahead at this time. With this concern, the Meeting closed with a time of silent worship.

Margaret N. Morrison, Clerk

Wendell Clepper, Recording Clerk
pro tem.

May 12, 1955

After a brief period of silence, the Clerk opened the meeting for business. After correction, the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer, Arthur Spencer, reported that at this time the contributions for the Building Fund are a little ahead of schedule, those for the General Fund slightly behind schedule. Thirty-one member families have contributed to date, or about half our members-and nine attenders. Within the next two weeks the Finance Committee will contact those who have not yet indicated what they plan to give this year.

Frances Helfrick, for Ministry and Counsel, reported that Carol deCou Howard had asked the Monthly Meeting of Moorestown, N. J. to transfer her membership to Hartford Monthly Meeting, and read a letter from the Moorestown Meeting commending her to our care. It was brought out in discussion that Carol deCou Howard who has long been a valued member of our Meeting and a generous contributor, had previously maintained a dual membership with her original affiliation in Moorestown. By this step she establishes a single membership with our Meeting. Glenn Roberts was asked to call and take some other Friend with him to express our appreciation of her taking this step.

Ministry and Counsel also reported their decision on the earlier request of the Meeting that they review the question of whether the Meeting should continue to have representatives of the Meeting on the Greater Hartford Committee on Discrimination in Housing. They commended this Committee and expressed full approval of its aims. While they encouraged individual Friends to participate on the Committee where they felt so led, they could not unite in recommending continued official representation of the Monthly Meeting on the Committee. At the request of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel Tom Bodine had drawn up a minute on this subject for approval of the Meeting. With the help of discussion and amendment, this minute was approved by the Meeting as follows:

"The Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports wholeheartedly the rights of every one to good and well-located housing regardless of race, color or creed and to that end encourages its individual members and its Peace and Service Committee as an organization to participate in the work of the Greater Hartford Committee on Discrimination in Housing."

Ministry and Counsel also reported on a letter from Friends' General Conference in response to an inquiry as to whether they would welcome affiliation by our Monthly Meeting with that group of Friends. The letter explained that several Yearly Meetings and Cambridge Monthly Meeting (in Massachusetts) are united in Friends' General Conference. They would be glad to consider affiliation by our Monthly Meeting, and would like to send a Friend to talk with us further. Friends in the Meeting explained that through New England Yearly Meeting our Monthly Meeting is a part of the Five Years Meeting to which many other Yearly Meetings in this country belong. Should we affiliate with Friends' General Conference also, this action might serve as a bridge toward unification of all Friends groups in this country. Cambridge Monthly Meeting belongs to both larger organizations. Our Meeting has used materials from Friends' General Conference as well as Five Years Meeting in First Day School and in other ways. It was warmly approved that in response to the suggestion of a representative from F.G.C. visiting us, we ask that, if possible, they send J. Bernard Walton who helped in the formation of our Monthly Meeting, and that if convenient, this be planned for June 5th. No firm assignment of a financial contribution appeared necessary but a voluntary contribution was approved with the amount to be determined by the Finance Committee.

Wendell Clepper reported on a meeting of Middletown Friends which he attended with Margaret Morrision. We were pleased to hear that at this meeting Middletown Friends had reached agreement that they are ready to go ahead with organizing their own monthly meeting. They now have nine families in continuous residence which can be a core for a Meeting including the changing group of Quaker students attending Wesleyan University.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of greeting to Preston Smith and his bride. Preston who is a member of our Meeting was married in April in New Haven.

There was a brief report on the last program meeting at which Charles Leonard spoke on the Study and Treatment Home for Emotionally Disturbed Children. Friends were reminded that he asked us to write legislators encouraging a larger appropriation to provide for 60 beds.

George Ritter reported for Peace and Service Committee that Robert Lenox is in charge of the subcommittee on national legislation and had telephoned Friends to remind us of the importance of contacting Congressmen immediately if we wish to influence legislation on Universal Military Training. Arthur Spencer will represent Peace and Service Committee in planning the September meeting in Hartford of the Friends' Committee on National Legislation. Early in June Wilmer Cooper of F.C.N.L. will come to Hartford to help in planning. The Peace and Service Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 in the Meeting House and welcomes attendance by interested Friends.

We were reminded that Avon Institute will be held June 12-19. Since Stephen Carey will be going to Russia with a group of Friends, Earl Edwards will replace him as Dean of the Institute. Quaker leadership will be emphasized and George Selleck will give talks on Quakerism at the Institute. Friends who cannot attend the full session are welcomed at the evening meetings and at tea at 4 in the afternoons. We hope to give a part-scholarship for one family. Contributions for this purpose can be sent to the Treasurer.

We were also reminded of New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Phillips Andover from Tuesday, June 21 to Sunday, June 26.

After a brief silence, the Meeting closed.

Margaret N. Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

Jeanne Clepper

June 9, 1955

After a few moments of silence the Meeting for business was opened. In the absence of the Clerk, Glenn Roberts was appointed as Clerk for this meeting. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that their meeting on June 2 was visited by Edward Manice and Daisy Newman from New Haven Monthly Meeting. They discussed with us their concern over the move that Hartford Monthly Meeting is making toward affiliation with General Conference Friends. Edward Manice expressed the hope that affiliation would be delayed until other meetings and Quarterly Meeting could also consider affiliation. Although the Committee was unified in its feeling that Hartford Meeting was ready for affiliation now and should act autonomously, the discussion was helpful, particularly in enabling us to see our responsibility to other meetings in the Quarterly Meeting and to the Yearly Meeting. Letters presenting the intentions of the Hartford Meeting will go to the other monthly meetings and to the Yearly Meeting.

A report from our Clerk, Margaret Morrison, was read stating that we had had a very pleasant and rewarding visit on First Day, May 29, from three Friends of the General Conference: J. Bernard Walton, Field Secretary, Howard Taylor and Enid Hobart of the Central Committee. They came to discuss and answer questions. Friends General Conference Central Committee will act on our request in September.

The Monthly Meeting concurred in the decision of our Committee on Ministry and Counsel to go ahead with affiliation.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel had been asked to consider whether subscriptions to Friends publications should be given to new members. They recommend that welcoming visitors discuss Friends periodicals with the new member and offer him a trial subscription for six months. It was pointed out that as of July, the Friends Intelligencer and The Friend will be combined. The Meeting approved this suggestion for offering subscriptions to new members.

Ministry and Counsel have received a letter of release from Falmouth Meeting for the Baileys. They had previously maintained a dual membership there and in Hartford. The Meeting gladly welcomed our Friends to single membership in Hartford Meeting.

At the request of Edward Manice the Clerk was asked to prepare a minute for him to use on his travels.

Gerda Wallach, new member, was visited by Zora Roberts and Margaret Morrison.

The Sewing Committee reported that they held their last official meeting on June 7 but because of the large amount of clothing on hand Margaret Morrison and Katherine Locke would meet on Tuesdays in July and welcome help. From September, 1954 through June, 1955, the Committee processed 5,701½ pounds of clothing, an increase of 1,754½ pounds over the previous year.

Several Friends from Middletown attended our Meeting for business. Vincent Cochrane read a letter to Hartford Monthly Meeting from Middletown Friends expressing their desire to form a Monthly Meeting at Middletown.This letter stated the factors that had led them to their decision and their plan for a simple organization of their Meeting, should their request be approved. Hartford Friends warmly commended this excellent letter and concurred fully with the decision of Middletown Friends that they are ready to form their own Meeting. Appreciation was expressed also for the contributions that Middletown Friends have made to the life of Hartford Meeting. The Meeting asked that the Clerk forward the letter from Middletown to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting along with a letter expressing the approval of Hartford Monthly Meeting.

Samuel Burgess reported that because he is moving from this area to Willimantic he must resign from the Nominating Committee. It was the decision of the Meeting that no effort should be made at this time to replace Samuel Burgess on this Committee and that the Nominating Committee should be empowered to draft another member if help should be needed during the summer.

A report of First Day School Committee for the year was given and is filed with the Minutes.

Since our Friend, Lawrence Barber is leaving for Turkey in August, his family has decided to sell their home which is directly behind the Meeting House. Question was raised at this Meeting as to whether the Meeting which exercises some control over this property should consider selling this property to some Negro family. After some discussion, it was decided to let this matter rest with a small group of concerned Friends.

After a few moments of silence, the meeting was adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Acting Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper

September 15, 1955

After a brief period of silent worship the Meeting was opened for business. The minutes for June were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer gave a brief report. This showed that for this time of the year we have a deficit of $758 in money received, $653 of this in the General Fund and $105 in the Building Fund. More money must be given during the year than has yet been pledged. $1744 has not yet been pledged. Of our 73 members (counting each family as one member) only 46 have given or pledged. The Finance Committee will be contacting members and attenders soon.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the Horowitz family who recently joined our meeting have moved to Florida. Since they are planning to contact the Meeting at Miami, the Clerk has written to that Meeting concerning our Friends. No formal action for transfer of membership has yet been made.

Ministry and Counsel proposed for our consideration a different plan for our business meetings whereby a monthly meeting would be given to fuller reports from one or two committees, different committees reporting at different monthly meetings. Such general topics as the Meeting for Worship or First Day School curriculum might be introduced by the appropriate committee, and the annual report of each committee given on the month scheduled for that committee. Interim committee reports might be given in some other way, perhaps by use of The Bulletin. Friends approved in general this suggestion and asked that Ministry and Counsel present it again when more detail has been worked out.

Sewing Committee reported that their regular meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 20. We have been given a consignment of good clothing by the flood-stricken town of Unionville which had received donations beyond their needs. These should be packed promptly.

Peace and Service Committee reported that the Meeting of F.C.N. L. will be held here on September 24 and 25. Plans are well under way. Overnight hospitality will be needed. Folders for information and registration will be mailed.

First Day School will begin on October 2 and Family Sunday will be held that day with a box lunch picnic at the home of William and Edith Clark in Farmington. Adult Education meetings will begin on the same date.

Program Committee reported that Thomas Lingaho of Friends Meeting in Africa will be available November 17 and the Meeting approved scheduling this speaker for our November program meeting.

Library Committee reported that they have a number of newly acquired books including some for children.

Investment Committee reported for consideration a conditional bequest to our Meeting in the will of Margaretta S. Hinchman of Philadelphia. This bequest would give to our meeting a bungalow and 2.11 acres in Washington, Connecticut for use as a sanctuary for meditation and also the income from a $5,000 trust fund to be used for the upkeep of this property. This property is offered first to the heirs of Margaretta Hinchman and they have until 3-23-56 to decide whether they wish to accept the conditions. Our Meeting would have until 5-23-56 to decide upon acceptance of this bequest with the conditions connected with it. It was the sense of the Meeting that since no immediate action need be taken, the Management Committee should explore further the possible uses of this bequest and report again after a decision has been reached by the heirs.

Nominating Committee reported on its suggestions for filling several vacancies occasioned by the removal of several Friends from this area. Patricia Ritter was suggested to act as Chairman of Program Committee through January and Wilfred Kersten to act as Chairman of Ushers for the same time. Moses Bailey was proposed for a one year vacancy on the Committee for Ministry and Counsel. Tom Bodine was proposed as our representative for two years on Central Committee of Friends General Conference. The Meeting approved these appointments.

Management Committee reported that a small work day is needed for some painting and tool relocation and asked that one or two men notify Robert Kearney when they are able to assist him on a Saturday.

It was announced that on September 27 Clarence Pickett will be at the Meeting House in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper

October 13, 1955

After a period of silent worship the Meeting for business was opened. In the absence of the Clerk, Francis Helfrick was asked to serve as Clerk for the day. Following the plan of our last meeting, the majority of our time was devoted to discussion of First Day School with brief reports from other committees.

Finance Committee reported that we are still $1700 short of our budget and asked for pledges from those who have not given and fulfilment of pledges by other Friends.

Management Committee reported we now have our new parking sign by the driveway and expressed thanks to the Luitweiler family for this contribution. They have received several suggestions concerning the burial plot on our grounds and welcome additional comments.

Florence Greene reported that the U.N. weekend will be October 29 and 30. We may expect up to twelve persons from U. N. staff and possibly some will wish to bring children.

Sewing Committee reported that since the September Meeting a record of 1421 pounds of clothing have been packed. Tuesday, October 18 was set as Clean-up Day to process the large amount of clothing now on hand and to send off promptly that which is ready to go.

Erica Luitweiler reported for First Day School Committee giving a very fine report of their present activities and proposals for the rest of the year. There are presently five classes: Patricia Ritter and Jill Smith are co-teachers of the Nursery Group aged 2-4; Erica Luitweiler teaches the Kindergarten Group aged 5-6 using the Fenn graded series published by Five Year Meeting; Elsa Cullen teaches the 7-8 year olds of the Primary Group using David C. Cook materials and the book, "Miracles Abound"; Virginia Hicks is teaching the Junior Group (aged 9-10) and continuing a study of the Bible; Bob Lennox and James Luitweiler are co-teachers of the Senior Group and are currently using the Five Year Meeting Booklet called, "Frontiers of the Spirit".

Concerning the period from 11-12 a new plan was proposed. The children up to six years of age will be cared for by girls of the Senior Group who will receive payment as baby-sitters and use that money for some class activity. An activity will be set up for children over six during this hour and Erica and James Luitweiler will conduct the program. On Family Sunday, the last Sunday in each month, no program would be planned for this period.

Appreciation was expressed for this thoughtful and generous offer. Questions were again raised about changing the hour of First Day School to the later hour to coincide with Meeting for Worship. However, it was found that there were many in attendance at this Meeting who were parents of the First Day School pupils and that they were substantially in accord with this program. It was thought that we may wish to review the time for First Day School in advance of the next school year but not at this time when teachers are already active on the present plan. It was suggested that more parents be encouraged to participate as teachers. We were happy to learn that parents of our First Day pupils are in almost all cases Friends or regular attenders of the Meeting.

Adult Discussion Group announced that their subject will be the Book of Acts.

The Bulletin Committee again announced the 15th of the month as the dead-line for material and asked that all items to go in the Bulletin be cleared with the chairman of the Committee. If any last minute addenda must be given directly to Mrs. Howard's office, they should be signed with the name of the person calling them in.

Five Years Meeting October 20-28 will be attended by several delegates from our Meeting and expects a large attendance from abroad. The new office building will be dedicated. They expect to consider proposals to hold Meetings every three years and to change from the delegates system to a representative plan.

The Friends World Committee Meeting was announced as being planned for October 2
to November 3 at Germantown, Ohio with Ranjit Chetsingh being present.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation, Southern New England area, met at our Meeting House on Sept. 24-25. Information concerning the work of the Committee and talks by Raymond Wilson and Eleanor Zelliot were well received. $25 was donated to FCNL from the proceeds above the costs of the meals.

Tom Bodine reported that he received warm greetings as our representative on the Central Committee of Friends General Conference. Our Meeting was accepted as a member of the Conference.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Francis Helfrick, Clerk of the Day

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper

November 10, 1955

The Meeting for Business was opened after a brief period of silent worship. The major part of this Meeting was devoted to a report on the Five Years Meeting and the Meeting of Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Preceding these reports we had a brief statement from our Treasurer who stated we have now received $3700 of the $5900 budgeted, this money having been given by 46 members, 10 attenders and 5 contributors.

In response to the announcement that the final adoption decree has been received for Marilyn Spencer came the comment that we expect her to be another asset to our Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended as members Lester and Eloise (Jill) Smith of Bristol. This was warmly approved by the Meeting. The Clerk will send them a letter and Arthur Spencer and Eugenia Henry will make the welcoming visit. The Meeting also approved sending a letter for transfer of membership as requested by Scott Heath to the Meeting at Monterey, Cal. and expressed pleasure that he had found a Meeting near him.

The report of Five Years Meeting was given by Alexander Purdy with additions by Thomas Bodine and Mabel Bailey. There was attendance of well over 1000 with a wide representation from this country and abroad. The theme of the sessions was "Past, Present and Future". The schedule was based on an evening address to introduce the discussion of the following morning by groups and then by panel and business meetings were held in the afternoons. The address on the Future given by our own Alexander Purdy was very favorably received. At this Meeting the proposal that this become a representative body was approved. Decision was postponed on the proposal that meetings be held every three years and on the proposal that there be a separation between the jobs of Executive of the Five Years Meeting and the Editorship of the Friend. A proposal for withdrawal from the World Council of Churches was not allowed.

The dedication of the new office building, a beautiful and functional building, was simple and impressive. Some of the greatest gains from Five Years Meeting were in the fellowship and from the sharing of the semi-programmed worship sessions each morning and noon.

Tom Bodine reported on the Meeting of Friends' World Committee for Consultation at Germantown, Ohio, which was attended by 103 Friends from 37 Yearly Meetings and 15 countries. Accommodations in a not-too-well heated army barracks served to illustrate that American Friends could adjust without all the comforts. "The Message to All Friends" calls us to an adventure of communication and stressed the urgency to unite to prevent destruction and build the Father's World. The business of the Meeting included the radical step of abolishing the Executive Committee because of the costs of its meetings and because it was not representative. Visitation will be stressed. The Executive Secretary will travel and three other weighty Friends will be appointed to travel around the world, stopping at various conferences of Friends.

Herbert Hadley, now Executive of the Florida Avenue Meeting in Washington, D.C. will be Executive Secretary and will have his headquarters in Birmingham, England. He will be assisted by an advisory committee of three Friends. There was much time devoted to worship including hymns and there were readings at meal times. The Friends W.C.C. will continue to sponsor the U.N. representatives of Friends. There will be an advisory committee (on which Thomas Bodine will serve) which will serve also to feed back to Friends' groups the experience of these representatives.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that Bernhardt Kalminis, the displaced man from Latvia, sponsored by our Meeting, arrived in New York recently and came to Hartford. Though there was very brief notice of his arrival, several of our Friends acted quickly to see that arrangements were made for him and that he received hospitality here. He has made connections with Latvian friends in Tariffville who have helped him to get a job and will try to teach him English. Those Friends who have met Bernhardt Kalminis report that he has a fine personality and is adjusting speedily.

Sewing Committee reported a very busy time with the big meeting on October 18 when 29 women worked and helped to pack the big load of 65 bags or 2623½ lbs. while on Nov. 1, due to a truck load from Middletown, 21 bags of 723½ lbs. were processed. To help with the costs of transporting overseas, a check for $100 was sent to the A.F.S.C. from the Sewing Committee budget. The Clerk was asked to write a special letter to the Empire Cleaners to thank them for the large amount of work they did for us gratis on this big consignment of clothing. Warm appreciation was expressed for the achievement of the Sewing Committee.

Management Committee reported that the janitor needs volunteer help on a Saturday and asked that we be careful to see that lights are turned off and doors locked after First Day luncheons.

First Day School Committee announced a special program for Thanksgiving Sunday and donations of Indian Head nickels for the American Indians. They proposed that the Christmas program be held this year on Dec.18 followed by the usual dinner and family stunts. The gifts this year will be given to the North End Community Center and a list of appropriate gifts will be sent out. On Christmas Sunday we will hold Family Sunday Worship Service.

Library Committee reported that Marion Jessel, the chairman, is unable to serve at present because of an accident that has temporarily disabled her.

Hospitality Committee reported that U. N. weekend went off well and they have received a letter of appreciation from the U. N. Volunteer Service.

Quarterly Meeting was held Oct. 24 at Woolman Hill. Jeannette Purdy and Marion Jessel were our delegates and Glenn Roberts was chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel. The request of Middletown Friends to be accepted as a Monthly Meeting was presented with the letter of approval from Hartford Monthly Meeting. A Committee of Inquiry on this matter was set up with Jeannette Purdy as our representative. They will meet in Middletown on Nov. 20.

Margaret Morrison advised us that she visited our Friends, the Burgess family, in their new home and with them, the Meeting at Storrs which impressed her as a small but powerful Meeting.

Ellen Paullin announced that the new Friends' Hymnal was dedicated at Swarthmore and that it will be available if Friends wish to consider it for Christmas giving. The Library Committee agreed to purchase some that Friends may buy from them.

After a period of silence the Meeting adjourned.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper
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After a period of silent worship the Meeting for Business was opened by the Clerk. The Treasurer reported that as of November 30th, there was a deficit of $944 in the General Fund, the difference between the $4465 received and the $5409 budgeted. An additional $549 has been pledged. The monies received have come from 56 members, 14 attenders and 4 contributors. The Building Fund needs another $100. The Treasurer urged us to consider the needs of the Meeting as seriously as our other obligations.

Thomas Harvey reported on the decision of the Investment Committee concerning the conditional bequest to our Meeting from the Hinchman estate. Because this bungalow and lot are at such a distance from our Meeting, lacks drinking water and would require expense of upkeep, they recommend that we should decline this bequest. Friends present appeared to feel easy in their minds about accepting this recommendation, and approved sending a letter transmitting this decision to the Executor of the Estate.

Mabel Bailey reported for the Nominating Committee a proposed list of officers of the Meeting, Committee Chairmen and Committee members. While some questions were asked no changes were made and the slate was approved as presented. The Meeting approved a suggestion that each committee should delegate a member to act as liason with the Bulletin and arrange for written reports to the Bulletin chairman at appropriate times. The Meeting was reminded of its responsibility to name a new Nominating Committee at the next Monthly Meeting. Ordinarily one member is named each year for a three year term. Because of necessary changes in the Committee during the past year, the usual rotation has been disturbed. Hope was expressed that at least an experienced member might be carried over to the coming year.

Program Committee reported that they have arranged a program for the fourth Thursday of January.

Library Committee reported its thanks to Paul Butterworth for discovering a file of old copies of the Bulletin and also that the Chairman, Marion Jessel, is now recovered so that she can resume most of her duties.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that at their recent meeting several Friends had expressed a concern about the problems of housing in the Metropolitan area of Hartford and especially negro housing. Moses Bailey spoke to the idea that our action in this area need not be a matter of taking sides politically but should arise from our Meetings for Worship and our devotion to the brotherhood of man and our concern that negroes shall have their fair share of good housing. The Committee reported also that on November 25th a legal ruling of national importance and of special significance to Friends was handed down in Hartford Federal Court by Judge Joseph Smith. A conscientious objector who refused to consider work in a munitions factory as a form of "alternative service to war" was nevertheless admitted to U. S. citizenship over the protests of the Immigration and Naturalization service. Lyle Tatum of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the Central Committee on Conscientious Objectors was unprecedentedly permitted to testify as an "expert witness". His point that a C. O. is not normally expected to participate in such work, and indeed that doing so would raise a question, about his sincerity, apparently carried more weight than a previous legal decision in California denying citizenship in a similar situation. The applicant's case was argued by Robert Sutton, law partner of our Meeting's George Ritter. The defendant was Theodore Leidenfrost, a Lutheran minister who has taken work at Hartford Seminary and who plans to do religious translating work in Africa.

Paul Butterworth reported for the management committee that there are still some jobs available for those who wish to make their contribution to the Meeting in this way. The Meeting approved a suggestion that those who wish to give a wedding gift to Robert Kearney, our janitor, might contribute toward a gift to go from the Meeting. The Committee has had some replies to its inquiry as to what we wish done about the cemetery plot in front of the Meeting House. There seems agreement that the large pillars should be removed and that the names on the stones should be preserved. Hope was expressed that some way might be found to do this without a heavy expenditure. The Meeting approved the starting of a cemetery improvement fund open to voluntary contributions but not committed for the present to any set plan.

The Sewing Committee reported that their work is going well and that more truckloads of clothing have come from Middletown. The Clerk has sent letters of appreciation to Mr. Gllovich of the Empire Laundries and to Mr. Mooney of Hartford Dispatch for their help in cleaning clothing and in shipping it to Philadelphia. The Committee packed a special box of clothing for the North Dakota Indians.

A letter from Milton Hadley was read expressing appreciation from Thomas Lungaho of Africa for his visit with Hartford Friends: also a statement from Douglas Steere concerning the contribution boxes for African Expansion to be used for backing Friends' work in Kenya. Ellen Paullin presented a plan which she and Patricia Ritter had discussed with Thomas Lungaho of making funds available to provide transportation to this country for a qualified student from Kenya to train as a nurse or teacher under available scholarships. The Meeting expressed interest in this plan and approved its referral to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

The Connecticut Council of Churches holding its annual meeting at New Haven December 16th asked for a representative and anyone able to serve was asked to contact the Clerk.

It was announced that George Ritter, member of our Meeting, had just been appointed as corporation counsel for the City of Hartford. The Meeting asked the Clerk to send him a letter of recognition of the spirit of service in which he is accepting this responsibility.

There was agreement that we should discuss at our next meeting some problems arising from the popularity of our Sunday luncheons.

Where individuals of our Meeting are approached by persons asking help from Friends, it was suggested that these matters be referred to the Clerk and Treasurer so that constructive plans may be worked out.

After a few moments of silence the Meeting was closed.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
Jeanne Clepper

January 12, 1956

After a few moments of silent worship the Clerk opened the Meeting for Business. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported for the preceding year that of $5900 budgeted we had received $5238. $4900 was budgeted for the general fund and $4321.26 received, leaving a deficit of $572. However, since several committees did not use all the funds budgeted for them the Meeting still has a surplus. Toward the Building Fund over $100 came from the Kirk and Clarke funds so that this, with the $911.46 contributed by others, brought us over the $1000 budgeted annually. $4611 came from 59 member families and the rest, $402, came from 21 attenders and contributors. The average contribution per member was $82. Committee chairmen were asked to send their budget proposals for the coming year to the Treasurer before 1/19/56 when the Finance Committee will meet. At our next Monthly Meeting the budget for the coming year will be presented.

Ministry and Counsel reported that they wished to propose for membership Faith Martin. The Meeting warmly approved accepting Faith Martin as a member and agreed that Elizabeth Butterworth and Edith Clapp should visit to welcome her to membership. Also that Omar Bailey wished to remove his membership to the Meeting in Merion, Pennsylvania. The Committee reported that the request for a mid-week meeting for worship had not yet received enough support from Friends willing to take regular responsibility for it, so that it was being tabled until more responsible support comes forward.

Nominating committee reported that they had completed seeing all who had been suggested for this year's Committes and all nominations were confirmed. However Erica Luitweiler had asked to be relieved of the duties of Nursery School liason and Florence Greene had agreed to take this on. They asked also that the name of Carol Murphy, omitted by error, be added to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns as its secretary.

The Meeting named a new nominating committee, Elizabeth Butterworth, chairman, appointed for one year, Glenn Roberts for two years, and Virginia Costales for three years

The Clerk showed to the Meeting a Christmas gift of an embroidered wall hanging from Ramallah sent by Graham Leonard and brought back by Francis Helfrick's mother who visited Graham Leonard. The Meeting expressed approval of hanging this embroidery in the Library and asked the Clerk to send a letter expressing our appreciation. A Christmas letter from Lawrence and Lucia Barber from their new home in Ankara, Turkey was also read to the Meeting. Also, a letter of greetings from Nathan and Perry Horowitz now at Fort Pierce, Florida.

The main portion of this Meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Meeting for Worship. It was opened by a request of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel by a talk by Alexander Purdy. He outlined his talk by raising seven questions. One- Is not Friends Meeting a form of worship? His comment was that he found our way of worshiping had some form but was the most flexible and least coercive. Two- To the second question whether our Meeting is not the extreme of individualism, he commented that it is a corporate worship based on the conviction that it is possible to know one another on a deeper level than words. To the third question of how we should prepare for Meeting for Worship, he pointed out that we should reach for the spirit that gives light and a deeper meaning to experience. His fourth question was who, when and what may constitute ministry. He emphasized that all should come with openness to speak or not to speak as they may be led by the sense of corporate worship. Many speak when they feel an emotional kindling but valued messages must come from a more intellectual enlightenment. Whether controversial subjects may be discussed and how must be tempered by a tender regard for the others engaging in the common act of worship. To the fifth question- why is there so little prayer in Friends Meeting for Worship, he wondered whether its absence might rise from a secular view of the ministry, and whether we were sufficiently aware that in the Meeting for Worship "every word is under divine covery". To the question of how large a Meeting should be, he said, "not so large that the freedom and intimacy of the family of God will be destroyed." The final question was whether the Meeting for Worship is in itself an adequate ministry. To this he commented that it was rather the center from which testimonies, Christian education and other activities should proceed and to which they should return. There were some further questions from Friends and a general sense that this talk and discussion had given us a helpful understanding and appreciation of our Meeting for Worship.

Following this talk there were brief reports from several committees.

Sewing Committee reported a good year with 10,639½ pounds of clothing sent to Philadelphia, over twice the amount sent last year. The chairman expressed thanks to the many donors and attenders and also to others who have done transporting of clothing to the Meeting or done mending, laundering or knitting at home, and to the Empire Laundry for contributing dry cleaning, and to Hartford Despatch for transporting all these tons of clothing to Philadelphia. A full report is filed with the minutes.

Program Committee reported that Norman Whitney of Syracuse Monthly Meeting would speak after the supper meeting January 26th on the interests of that Meeting in negro housing.

Quarterly Meeting will be held at Hartford on February 5th with a panel discussion in the afternoon on "How to Help Children Grow in the Life of the Spirit."

Elizabeth Butterworth announced that Daisy Newman of New Haven would be in Hartford January 17th and urged Friends to visit with her at the Meeting of the Sewing Committee on that date.

Ellen Paullin announced that A. J. Muste will speak at the Paullins' home in Newington on January 29th at 7:30 and Friends are invited.

George Ritter announced that Friends Committee on National Legislation will hold a week's meeting in Washington on farm problems and asked that interested Friends see him about this.

It was agreed that we postpone until next Monthly Meeting the discussion of the Sunday luncheons and that there would be opportunity then for other Committee reports. After a brief silence the Meeting adjourned.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

February 9, 1956

The Meeting for Business was opened with a period of silent worship.

The Treasurer reported that $570 had been received during January---$469 for the general fund and $101 for the building fund. Thirteen member families and two attenders have contributed. So far only eight member families have made known their financial intentions for 1956. However, the Finance Committee is planning to distribute forms for this purpose along with the 1956 budget.

Ministry and Counsel proposed Alexandra Wehle for membership. The Meeting warmly welcomed her into membership and designated Edith Clapp and Virginia Costales to call in person to convey this welcome.

The report of the spiritual condition of the Meeting which is prepared annually and forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, was read, along with reports from the groups at Middletown and Storrs. The Meeting approved these reports as offering an accurate appraisal of our strengths and weaknesses. Copies are included with the minutes.

Ministry and Counsel was also asked to take on a concern for Betty Whitworth whose eye condition is becoming steadily worse. It was announced that calls regarding illnesses of members should be directed to Mabel Bailey.

The Finance Committee and the Auditor, George Halford, then circulated the Treasurer's Report for 1955 which was approved by the Meeting. Copies of this report which include general fund payments, Meeting House maintenance expenses and equipment, and trust fund reports, are attached to the minutes.

The Finance Committee offered a proposed budget for 1956. Among the comments made by the chairman, Paul Cleaver, were these: (1) contributions to the Yearly Meeting are maintained at $858 despite the loss of 14 members to the newly-formed Middletown Meeting, because of our Meeting's relative financial strength; (2) because the Friends' Committee on National Legislation is not a tax-exempt agency, their portion of the budget is being deleted with the thought that concerned Friends will make their contributions through an unofficial local channel: (3) the budget for maintenance can be safely reduced by $150 although Robert Kearney's salary is slightly increased.

The Meeting offered several suggestions in relation to the proposed budget: (1) although the charge of $1100 annually to the Nursery School was not considered excessive by most, would it be feasible to establish a $100 scholarship fund to be administered by the Meeting's liaison person? This was held over for further discussion. (2) inasmuch as the actual cost of inserting notices in Friends' journals in 1955 was higher than the proposed 1956 figure, should the figure not be increased? It was pointed out that some savings should be effected by the consolidation of two Friends journals but Finance Committee will look into this. (3) a contribution of $25 to the Friends' General Conference, a figure mentioned at the time of our affiliation with that body, should be added. (4) Ralph Williams, our delegate to the Hartford Council of Churches, pointed out that the Council had recently set a figure of 2% of each church's local budget as a goal in estimating contributions. While our present contribution is not being questioned, this quota might be borne in mind next year. (5) The Bulletin Committee would like to have its budget separated from the budget for secretarial costs. Subject to the Finance Committee's anticipated revisions, the budget was then approved by the Meeting. The Finance Committee plans to report on expenditures every three months.

Speaking for the Management Committee, Paul Butterworth summarized the annual report of the sub-committee on Use of the Meeting House. This report which includes the names of all the many organizations making use of our facilities during 1955, is included with the minutes. The Meeting re-affirmed its stand that no one organization ought to tie up a particular weekly time over a period of years, to the exclusion of other applicant groups.

The Management Committee also reported that the West Hartford Fire Marshall has insisted that a heat-activated fire alarm system be installed, in addition to two fire extinguishers. When these installations have been made, the committee will look into the possibility of fire insurance reduction.

The Investment Committee reported that our Treasurer has in his charge the following securities in the name of the committee: six shares of American Telegraph and Telephone, with a current market value of $184 a share, with a yield of approximately 4.9%: 50 shares of National Dairy, valued at $39, yielding 4.1%; and 21 shares of Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co., with a market value of $32 and a yield of about 5.6%---all making a total valuation of $3681. The committee is constantly investigating the merits of other stocks in the interest of the Meeting's investments.

The 1955 report of the Recorder was read and approved. We have a membership of 99 full members and 50 associate members, a net gain of one member for the year. The Meeting was interested in the number of families represented and the Recorder hopes to get this for a future report.

The annual report of Young Friends, prepared by Virginia Hicks, was read and approved. Activity during the year has been limited by the small numbers but a weekend work camp, when Young Friends of the Quarterly Meeting met at Mitchell House was noteworthy.

The Library Committee's report for 1955 was read by the chairman, Marion Jessell and approved by the Meeting. This report is included with the minutes. Highlights are a current inventory of 559 books, a total of 942 leaflets taken during the year and a total circulation of 569.

Theodore Paullin reported on an Institute held at Woolman Hill, the Friends' Center at Deerfield, Mass., where the "Speak Truth to Power" was discussed. This will be available in the library as will the Quarterly Meeting Directories which sell for ten cents.

Announcement was made that Frankie Greene had invited Kenneth and Susan Webb to Meeting on February 26, and that slides of the Webbs' Camp Timberlake in New Hampshire would be shown in conjunction with the Fellowship luncheon.

Ellen Paullin reported that a recent upsurge in attendance at the luncheons had forestalled the need to assign Friends, so that visitors could be properly accommodated. However, she did urge that those who come should provide as generously as possible.

Hospitality Committee reported that 120 had been fed the preceding Sunday at the time of Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Francis Helfrick, Acting Clerk.

Wendell Clepper, Acting Recording Clerk.

March 8, 1956

In the absence of our Clerk, Francis Helfrick acted as Clerk for the day. After a period of silent worship, the Meeting for Business was opened. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that up to February 29th, $884.46 had been received from 17 members and 7 attenders. Pledges for this year's giving had been received from 20 members and 6 attenders totalling $2714 which is better than had been pledged by the same time last year.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Clarence Jessel who had sent a letter to transfer his membership from the First Congregational Church of Watertown, Conn. Friends warmly approved welcoming Clarence Jessel to membership and the Clerk was asked to write him a letter of welcome. Moses and Mabel Bailey offered to visit Clarence and Marion Jessel.

Frances De Cou had sent to Ministry and Counsel a certificate of removal from the Morristown, New Jersey Meeting thus ending her dual membership. Arthur Spencer and Alice Fox agreed to visit to express our appreciation of her single membership in our Meeting.

Several Friends from Middletown had asked for certificates of removal in order that they might join the newly formed Meeting at Middletown. They are Theodore Banks; Marian Cartland, Ernest and Ida Stabler and their children, Martin and David; Vincent and Jean Cochrane and their children, Nancy and Bruce. The Meeting approved these transfers with warm wishes for the welfare of the new Meeting.

Sympathy was expressed as we learned of the recent death of Marian Cartland's father. Moses Bailey was asked to write a minute for the Meeting concerning C. Frank Cartland.

The Bulletin Committee asked that Friends consider the policy of the Bulletin Committee and how long it should be. Warm appreciation was expressed for the work of the Committee and especially the editor in producing our Bulletin and approval for including news of Friends without strict limits on length. Marguerite Marsh expressed her wish that reports for the Bulletin be written by concerned Friends rather than by the editor and that they be prompt.

The Management Committee reminded us of the need for care in seeing that lights are turned off and doors locked when we leave the building on Sunday and suggested that this be checked by those last to leave.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of Florence Greene in seeing that suitable flowers have been provided for our Meetings on First Day.

Program Committee announced that on Tuesday, March 27, our speaker would be Amiya Chakravarty of India who would tell us of his visit to Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa.

There was discussion of the need of guarding our mailing list and agreement that it would be wise not to make our list available to other organizations.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting was closed.

Francis Helfrick, Clerk for the Day

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

April 12, 1956

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting for business was opened by the Clerk. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer was pleased to report that contributions and pledges were coming in more rapidly than usual for this time of the year, $1485 being contributed by twenty-six (26) members and ten (10) attenders, and nearly $3000 pledged by twenty-one (21) members and attenders. The Finance Committee will appreciate prompt pledges from other members.

The Finance Committee reported on the suggestions raised in the February Meeting concerning the proposed budget. On the question of reducing charges to the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School they held to the view that it would not be wise to reduce the charges as the Meeting carries a part of the cost of having the Nursery School here. They asked James Reik of the Nursery School Board to speak to us. He stated that they would welcome scholarships and that costs of tuition are $110 for the three-year olds, $160 for the four-year olds. Discussion brought out that Finance Committee believed we might afford more than one scholarship, but that we should not undertake more than we would be ready to continue. Also, that we would want some controls over the choice of children to receive the scholarships. The matter was referred to a special committee to make recommendations to a later Meeting. The Committee appointed was Arthur Spencer, James Reik, Alexander Purdy and Glenn Roberts.

On the suggestion of increasing the budgeted amount for notices in Friends Journal, the Finance Committee proposed no change, pointing out that if extra should be needed it could be drawn from the item for miscellaneous. They agreed to the suggestion that $25 be budgeted as a contribution to Friends' General Conference. They recommended, and the Meeting approved, that the contribution to the Hartford Council of Churches remain at $50, pointing out that this, with other contributions to missionary work, make up more than two percent of our budget.

Ministry and Counsel proposed for membership Carol Murphy. This was approved by the Meeting with the comment it was "very good news". Marian and Clarence Jessel will visit to welcome her. The Baileys reported that they had a happy visit to welcome Clarence Jessel to membership.

The First Day School reported that there was very good attendance at the Meeting March 22nd for parents and others interested in plans for First Day School. This Meeting approved using material from Friends' General Conference as the basis of our curriculum. This Meeting agreed that the supervision of children during the Meeting for worship be shared by parents.

After April 22nd parents are asked to assume care of the six to twelve-year-olds also. On April 22nd there will be a Meeting of the First Day School Committee. At our May Business Meeting, the Committee will make its annual report.

Moses Bailey reported for the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. Since the Committee had been concerned with the problem of housing and wished better understanding of the local situation, they had written to the Service Committee asking whether, if approved by the Meeting, they could send someone to Hartford to study our community needs. A reply was received from Barbara Moffett of the Service Committee agreeing that at an appropriate time they would be willing to send someone from their staff for this purpose. It was pointed out that at this stage only a small expense would be involved and could easily be met from the funds of the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. There were many voices of approval and agreement that we should go ahead with this preliminary survey.

The Committee on Peace and Social Concerns is exploring the possibility of bringing to this country Katchadourian, an Armenian from Beirut who would like to come here to further his education. Moses Bailey pointed out that this man's family is well known and well thought of by the Service Committee. The Meeting was united in willingness to sponsor this man should the way open for him to come here.

A concern was expressed that our queries be read occasionally at our Business Meetings and this was approved.

Library Committee and Sewing Committee each reported their work going well.

Adult Education Committee reported that the next subject for discussion, April 22nd, will be Human and Divine Parenthood, and the leader will be Leon Yager.

Program Committee announced that there will be no special meeting in April as Quarterly Meeting will be held April 22nd in New Haven. Edith Clapp and Tom Bodine were named as our representatives to this Meeting and others encouraged to attend.

Our Clerk, Margaret Morrison, brought before the Meeting the request of Faith Martin, one of our members, that her coming marriage to Thomas Brown be taken under our care. She wished to have the marriage after the manner of Friends at one of our Meetings for worship. Glenn Roberts and Wendell Clepper were named to visit with Thomas Brown, and Mabel Bailey and Margaret Morrison to visit with Faith Martin.

Margaret Morrison read a notice of a Meeting to discuss a proposal that a chapel be set up at the State Legislature. Friends expressed the hope that our Clerk might represent us at this Meeting.

Patricia and George Ritter welcomed Friends to an informal discussion on psychology and religion at their home at 8:00 P.M. on April 27th.

It was announced that on April 28th the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns of New England Yearly Meeting would hold at our Meeting House a conference on counseling for conscientious objectors. Our Meeting will be host for the luncheon and we were asked to encourage attendance of interested people.

Marguerite Marsh announced that Friends were invited to the first annual meeting of New Horizons at the Memorial Hospital in New Britain on May 12th.

Management Committee reported that the Building Inspector had renewed his request for a "panic" bar on the doors and that they would see it was provided; also, they recommended providing an electric floor polisher as requested by Bob Kearney. They suggested that we establish a policy of having Friends notify the Use Committee whenever they plan to borrow any equipment from the Meeting House. These recommendations were approved by the Meeting.

After a moment of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

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Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

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